THE WEATHER: Moderate N. winds. Cloudy with fair periods during the afternoon.

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Comment Of The Day

ORIGINALITY LACKING

THE biggest complaint about the Duke's forthcoming visit to Hongkong — and this is probably echoed all along the route of his world-girdling tour — is that he is not staying long enough to do more than follow the set routine to which all visits of this kind must conform. In many ways this is a pity. So much that would genuinely interest the Duke both as a sightseer and as consort of the Head of the Commonwealth has been omitted from his programme.

Considering this is the first visit by a member of the Royal Family for 70 years the programme for his 50-hour stay leaves little scope for variety. The planners have tried to stress one theme — youth — and provide some local flavour with a restaurant banquet and a display of Chinese dances. But we could have done better. Our Chinese entertainment is the same stereotyped stuff we trundle out on most big occasions. As for the youth theme, need that have been so heavily stressed? After all, the Duke will get that everywhere he goes. With more imagination we could have devised a more interesting programme.

WHAT it lacks is variety. Certainly the Duke will not leave with a host of fleeting impressions. But it must be doubted whether the present programme will leave him with any solid and worthwhile impression of Hongkong, the Colony, at all. What could have been done? The CMA could have postponed their exhibition of local products — it is one of our big events — to coincide with the Duke's arrival, or rigged up a special small-scale bazaar for the occasion.

Instead of a youth display, the Duke should have made a short visit to a Chinese opera—something genuine. And if we had to have a lion dance it could have been in the streets of Kowloon in the vicinity of a resettlement area where the Duke could also have seen how almost one-tenth of our population live. Also he likes sailing: couldn't we bring him back to Hongkong from his visit to the Technical College in a junk?

RECENTLY the China Mail urged a two-hour helicopter flight for the Duke. Not as an additional item on the itinerary, because rush and strain have to be avoided. But the object of a short flight over the Colony—in place of say the motor-trip around the island—was this: with the Governor at his side, he could have been given a good idea of the bustling activity that goes into making Hongkong one of the most talked about territories in the Far East.

Also it is a project that would appeal to a man who is both air-minded and interested in industrial development. And above all, it would only suit the Duke—no other member of the Royal Family. For the Queen, Princess Margaret or the Queen Mother, whom we may expect later, such a programme as has been mapped out would be ideal. The criticism that stands is that we have not tried to devise an itinerary specifically for the Duke. It is just another royal visit. And as we are unlikely to have him here again for many years, we could have been a little more adventurous and original.

23-Year-Old Conservative Elected

Tories Retain Seat

But Majority Slashed By 10,000

Southend-on-Sea, Jan. 29.

The Conservative (Government) Party retained its Parliamentary seat in a by-election polled here with a slashed majority.

The result of today's polling, announced tonight, was:

	Votes
Mr Paul Channon, Conservative	14,493
Miss Heather Harvey, Liberal	6,314
Mr A. Pearson-Clarke, Labour	5,280
Conservative majority	8,179

The Conservative majority in the 1955 general election was 18,460 in a three cornered contest with Labour and Liberal opponents.

Disappointment

The result cutting the Conservative majority by more than half and dropping the Labour candidate to the bottom of the poll, was a sharp disappointment to the nation's two main political parties.

It suggested that the slump in Government popularity which began about the time of the 1956 Suez Crisis has not yet ended —but equally that the Labour opposition has not captured the favour of disaffected Conservatives.

The Conservatives' share of the total votes cast fell from 64.2 per cent at the general election to 55.56 per cent. The Labour vote dropped only fractionally—from 20.8 per cent to 20.24 per cent—while Liberals took 24.20 per cent of the votes compared with 15 per cent in 1955.

Foggy Weather

Politicians recognised, however, that this particular by-election result may have been materially affected by foggy weather, which presumably kept many voters from the poll. Only 42.5 per cent voted compared with 74.13 per cent at the 1955 general election, when the local voters' roll was fully 3,000 fewer than now.

Mr Channon, 23 years of age becomes the youngest member of the House of Commons. During the campaign he was the target of opponents' criticism because of his alleged inexperience. There were also complaints by his rivals that the constituency, Southend West, was becoming a family monopoly, as Mr Channon, if elected, would be the fourth successive member of the well-known Guinness brewing family to occupy the seat in Commons.

Mr Paul Channon is the son of the previous holder of the seat, Sir Henry Channon, who came of an Anglo-American family. Sir Henry's grandfather emigrated to the United States nearly 100 years ago. His mother was descended from 18th Century English settlers. Sir Henry himself returned from the United States at an early age.—Reuter.

Australia Score 81 For No Wickets

Adelaide, Jan. 30.

Australia had scored 81 for no wickets after lunch in the first day of the Fourth Test match here today.

Sent in to bat after Peter May had won the toss for England, Colin McDonald and Jim Burke knocked up 58 runs before lunch and as play progressed after the resumption all lift went from the wicket.

The crucial fourth Test, which England must win to retain the Ashes — having lost two and drawn one — opened with what commentators described as two surprises: May sending Australia in after winning the toss for the fourth straight time and the omission of Jim Laker from the England team.

Later it was explained that the decision to omit Laker was partly due to the fact that his spinning finger had not yet fully recovered from an injury.—Reuter.

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Doctors Scoff At Khrushchev Illness Report

Toronto, Jan. 29.

Toronto doctors today scoffed at New York reports that photographs of Premier Khrushchev of Russia indicate he may be suffering from hardening of the brain arteries.

Dr John B. Armstrong, Director of Canada's National Heart Foundation, said he could see no evidence of a forthcoming stroke in the Russian leader's face.

Dr D. P. Murnaghan, heart specialist at Toronto General Hospital, said it was not fair to predict illnesses from the evidence of newspaper pictures.

Two New York doctors were quoted as saying Mr Khrushchev looked as though he might have cerebral hardening of the arteries.—U.P.I.

Luckiest Man Alive

First Officer, Francis Schremp, 57, of the 7,000-ton U.S. freighter John Lykes was swept overboard by a wave 180 miles off the British coast in the Atlantic — and then hurled back on board by another. Says Schremp — pictured here in a Liverpool hospital, where it was found he had no broken bones, only bruises: "I guess I am the luckiest man alive." —Express Photo.

London Smog May Be Another 'Killer'

London, Jan. 30.

The thick blanket of fog that clamped down on two-thirds of Britain on Thursday may prove to be another "killing smog" on the pattern of the 1952 fog.

Scientists of Greenwich Observatory revealed on Thursday night that the average quantity of toxic particles in the air (1.3 milligrammes per cubic metre) were already comparable with those contained in the air in 1952 when dense "smog" killed almost 4,000 people in four days. About 90 per cent of the victims were aged over 45 years old.

BAD TO WORSE

It was feared here that atmospheric conditions in Britain would go from bad to worse in the next few days. London hospitals have been placed in a state of emergency to deal with the expected smog victims, but it appears that there are no effective preventive measures to be taken to beat the smog.

Smog becomes harmful to the bronchial organs through the infiltration into the air of toxic particles coming from heating apparatus, car exhausts, etc. — France-Presse.

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COMET 4 SETS NEW RECORD

The Boac Comet 4, which arrived on a proving flight yesterday, smashed the existing record for the Hongkong-Tokyo run by nearly an hour, this morning.

The Comet left Kai Tak at 7.48 a.m. and covered the 1,070 miles in three hours and 40 minutes, at an average speed of 537 mph.

She touched down at Tokyo International Airport two minutes before 11.30 a.m.

The previous record had been set by a Canadian Pacific Airlines Britannia 314, at 4 hours and 33 minutes.

Brando May Play Role Of F.D.R.

New York, Jan. 29.

Film actor Marlon Brando may play the role of the late President Franklin D. Roosevelt in a film soon to be made of the hit play "Sunrise at Campobello," dealing with Mr Roosevelt's polio attack and rise to power, the New York World-Telegram and Sun reported today.

The newspaper said that Warner Brothers, which had paid $500,000 for the film rights of the play, by Dore Schary, was reported to be negotiating with Mr Brando, but that no contract had yet been signed.

The role of the late President has been played on Broadway by Ralph Bellamy, who has been quoted as saying that he would look too old for the part on the screen. He is 54, and at the time of the play Mr Roosevelt was supposed to be about 40.—Reuter.

ASIAN FLU SWEEPS SOVIET UNION

Moscow, Jan. 29.

An epidemic of influenza, brought on by a virus similar to that of Asian flu was sweeping Moscow and other regions of the Soviet Union today.

The illness was characterised by high fever during the first two days with a risk of subsequent complications affecting the ears, and eyes.—France-Presse.

In Your Saturday Mail

RANDOLPH Churchill's sensational scoop "The Suez Story" moves into its final stages this week. In tomorrow's chapter the author explains "Why Eisenhower got so mad when he heard what we had done."

The CHINA MAIL presents tomorrow the first instalment of another exciting series — "SORAYA" . . . the true story behind the tragic romance that stirred the world, by the Shah of Persia himself.

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Commons Agrees To Gaol Prostitutes

London, Jan. 29.

The House of Commons tonight agreed that prostitutes should be sent to prison if convicted of soliciting on the streets a third time.

This is one of the main proposals of a government anti-vice bill aimed at cleaning up the streets of large cities, particularly of London. There, Mr R. A. Butler, the Home Secretary, said some areas were "so thronged with prostitutes as to create a feeling of revulsion."

The bill cleared its first major hurdle in its journey through Parliament by being given a second reading—agreement in principle.

Free Vote

An amendment to reject the bill by a group of Labour members—the opposition did not take an official line and left its members a free vote—was defeated by 235 votes to 88—a Government majority of 147.

This group contended that moving parading prostitutes to over-crowded prisons was not the answer to the problem.

Mr Reginald Paget (Labour), who moved the amendment, said in New York, prostitutes had been got off the streets, but there were reports that prostitution was becoming such a standard cost item for big business concerns that some companies kept call-girls on their pay rolls to please their customers.

He contended there would certainly be more organised vice if the free market was closed.

The police were dealing with girls infinitely richer than themselves earning £5,000 to £6,000 a year.

If prison threatened their livelihood there would be an incentive to enormous corruption.

Deterrent

Mr Butler, defending the prison sentence, said it was necessary as a final sanction and deterrent to deal with a very serious nuisance.

Before a woman was charged for the first time with soliciting she would have to be warned informally on at least two separate occasions.

Mr Butler said that over the past two years, more than 12,000 women were charged in London's West End and not one pleaded not guilty.

Those figures, he said, went a long way to show that the police did not make mistakes and charge respectable women with these offences.

Sir Reginald Manningham-Buller, the Attorney-General, said there were possible risks of corruption and organised vice. But these had to be weighed against the present evil, which was of a considerable magnitude.

The Reasons

He said some of the reasons for prostitution might be:

★ **Laziness—it was the easiest occupation to drift into.**

★ **Heredity.**

★ **Hard money.**

There were none left of the "Fanny by Gaslight" type, he said.

"The modern prostitute is a hard-headed girl who knows what her value is and will not lower her price."

He cited the case of one girl who told him she worked from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Mondays to Fridays—regular trade union hours—and charged £5 per man and had five men per day—a total of £125 a week.

She occasionally took one man for a week-end for £100 inclusive making her annual income £6,000.

"She told me she did not pay income tax because it had been paid by those who gave her presents," he added amid laughter.

The Effect

The Attorney-General said he had asked the Chief Superintendent of the West End central police station, London, for his views on the possible effect of imprisonment for prostitutes.

"He told me he had spoken to a number of common prostitutes about it. It may or may not be true what they said, but he told me they said they would give up this occupation. It was the threat of imprisonment that made them do that."—Reuter.

Woman Minister Told To 'Clear Off' On London Street

London, Jan. 29.

THE prostitute came up close to the woman Government Minister and hissed in her ear: "Get the hell off my beat."

The Minister, Miss Pat Hornsby-Smith, was waiting in a London street for a taxi after working late at the Ministry of Health.

She told the prostitute: "Do you know those two white buildings in Saville Row?"

"One is the Ministry of Health where I earn an honest living. The other is Saville Row Police Station where you will end up if I don't have less of your cheek."

Red-haired Miss Hornsby-Smith told a meeting this yesterday in Sideup, which she represents in Parliament.

She was then Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Health. Now she is Under-Secretary at the Home Office.

Miss Hornsby-Smith also told the meeting of her investigation into London vice on behalf of the Home Office. — Reuter.

AUDREY HEPBURN BADLY HURT IN HORSE FALL

Hollywood, Jan. 29.

Actor-director Mel Ferrer, husband of British-born actress Audrey Hepburn, left here today with the family doctor to go to his wife, who was badly hurt yesterday when she fell from a horse during the shooting of a film at Durango, Mexico.

The young actress has been in Mexico for several weeks making the film "The Unforgiven," with Burt Lancaster. Yesterday she was thrown from a horse she was riding in a scene when it reared up. Miss Hepburn broke four ribs and injured her leg in the fall according to the first diagnosis.

Later a public relations man for John Huston, who is directing the film, said that Miss Hepburn had "a severe back injury," but declined to elaborate, though there are reports she may have broken several vertebrae.

The producing company, Hecht-Lancaster Productions, said filming would be halted for several weeks to allow her time to recover.

A spokesman for Hecht-Lancaster Productions at Durango, Mexico, said Miss Hepburn might be able to walk again in three weeks.—Reuter.

Audrey Hepburn

Executive Leaves

Mr E. L. Brisbin, Chairman of the Board of Directors of National Carbon Company, Singapore, a subsidiary of Union Carbon Corporation of New York, left for the United States last night in the ss President Wilson, accompanied by his wife.

Mr Brisbin, who has made many visits to the Colony, was on a business tour. He will spend three weeks in the United States before returning with his wife to Singapore. Mr and Mrs Brisbin are seen above just before sailing time.—Intpiar Photo.

Macmillan Anxious To Visit Moscow

London, Jan. 30.

British Prime Minister Harold Macmillan is anxious to visit Moscow but is awaiting a fresh invitation from the Soviet leaders, an informed source revealed in London today.

Mr Macmillan's trip would be a return visit for that made by Soviet leader Nikita Khrushchev to Britain in 1956. Khrushchev was accompanied by the then Premier, Marshal Nikolai Bulganin on this trip.—France-Presse.

Mikoyan May Go To Britain

London, Jan. 29.

Prime Minister, Harold Macmillan, in a written reply to Labour Member of Parliament, Arthur Lewis, today repeated to the House of Commons that he did not rule out the possibility of a visit to Britain by Soviet Vice-Premier, Anastas Mikoyan.

Lewis had asked the Prime Minister to invite Mikoyan to Britain after the end of the present Congress of the Soviet Communist Party in Moscow.—France-Presse.

Fog Disrupts Road And Air Traffic In Britain

London, Jan. 29.

Thick fog covered most of Britain today, paralysing London airport, delaying shopping and bringing chaos to roads and railways.

In south-east England visibility was between 10 and 50 yards, and by nightfall it was reduced to nil on some roads in the London area.

Hundreds of cars were abandoned along the main roads leading from central London.

Police walked in front of ambulances called to road crashes. Several minor rail accidents were reported.

Not one scheduled incoming or outgoing service was able to operate at London airport today. By tonight about 44 outgoing and 30 incoming flights had been cancelled.

Blacked Out

Airliners were taking off for European centres from Gatwick, Surrey.

After 18 hours of the worst and most widespread fog this winter many parts of London and nearby areas were still virtually blacked out.

Automobile Association scouts led convoys of up to 50 vehicles at five miles an hour.

The fog blanket spread from Devon in the west to the east coast and north to the Midlands.

Ice on some roads combined with the fog to cause dozens of road crashes involving up to 35 vehicles at once.

Slithered

As vehicles slithered round out of control, others loomed up through the fog unable to stop and hit them.

Two deaths and dozens of injuries were reported. Scores of battered cars were abandoned.—Reuter.

Another Cotton Mill To Close

Blackburn, Jan. 29.

Cherry Tree Mill here belonging to J. Dugdale and Sons (Spinners) Ltd. will close during the next few weeks, the management announced today.

The firm said the decision was reached because of continued importation of Asian cloth at prices with which Lancashire could not compete, and the recent decision of the restrictive practices tribunal to end minimum yarn prices.

Some of the 160 operatives involved may be found alternative work at other mills operated by the group.—Reuter.

ICBM NOSE CONE LANDS ON ISLAND

New York, Jan. 29.

The National Broadcasting Company reported here tonight that the Atlas Inter-Continental Ballistic Missile launched from Cape Canaveral on Tuesday night exceeded its planned range and that its nose cone landed "squarely on Ascension Island" in the south Atlantic.

The missile itself travelled well over 6,000 miles, NBC reported in its television news programme.—Reuter.

Not One Red

Paris, Jan. 29.

French National Assembly deputies today completed elections of their six permanent commissions—without a single Communist being chosen for any of them.—Reuter.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Disturbing Glass

Sir,—I went to the Exhibition of the Sir Robert Ho-tung collection at St John's Cathedral Hall yesterday and was annoyed to find that because all the paintings had been enclosed by glass it was impossible to study the detail on the upper row of oils because of the reflection of the lights. I imagine that part of the reason for the glass is to prevent excessive exposure to moisture, but I also know that there is a very effective spray preparation available in Hongkong, which protects the painting far better than glass. If these paintings are going to find a permanent home in the City Hall, let's hope the curator will be able to hang them without glass, or in such a position where lighting does not disturb the spectator's view.

L.R.M.

Annoying

Sir,—Your cartoonist Vicky annoys me intensely. Yesterday's showed Nasser looking like a veritable Rudolph Valentino and Macmillan like the March Hare, Selwyn Lloyd like a caricature of Dracula and Hailsham like a shrunken Billy Bunter. If Vicky had been in the pay of Al Ahram or one of the other leading Cairo newspapers I could understand it, but does Beaverbrook (and the China Mail) really have to pay money to give the Egyptians a hearty guffaw . . . at our expense?

MAX.

AGREEMENT TO BE SIGNED SOON

London, Jan. 29.

An Anglo-Egyptian financial agreement is likely to be signed "in the next few days" the House of Commons was told today.

The Government will make an announcement in Parliament after this occurs said Richard A. Butler, leader of the House. He was replying to questions from Socialist leader, Hugh Gaitskell, dealing with next week's Parliament business.—U.P.I.

Anniversary Of Gandhi's Death

On the occasion of the eleventh anniversary of the death of Mahatma Gandhi, the Hindu Association held a prayer meeting at the Hindu Temple, Happy Valley, today at 9.30 a.m. Mr H. N. Sharma officiated at the ceremony and Mr F. T. Melwani, President, spoke about Mahatma Gandhi's life.

Philharmonic Society Gives Excellent Concert

By D. E. GRAY

The Chamber Music Concert last evening in the Loke Yew Hall was one of the best which the Hongkong Philharmonic Society has presented in recent years.

The opening number was a Rossini Quartet for Flute, clarinet, horn and bassoon. This is not great music, but is gay and fetching. None knew better than Rossini how to embody in music the joy of living. He was essentially a lover of the good things of this world, and although he never rose to supreme emotional or spiritual heights, we will always feel grateful for his sparkling tonal quality.

The players were C. K. Wong (flute), Clifford Wilks (clarinet), Fung Hang (bassoon) and J. F. Williams (horn). They achieved a most remarkable accuracy in intonation.

Perhaps the heaviest load fell on the flute, but I have nothing but praise for the good blend of tone produced by these players.

These instruments, plus the oboe, are the woodwind counterpart of the string quartet.

Tonal accuracy is much more difficult to achieve in the woodwind combination, but when achieved it is very lovely to listen to, and I hope we will hear more works of this kind by this combination.

A Newcomer

A newcomer to these concerts was a young 'cellist Ricardo Chan, who was accompanied by Winnie Lin in the performance of the Henry Eccles Sonata in G Minor. This work is a favourite with 'cellists and was last played in Hongkong by Piatagorsky.

Mr Chan showed he had a good measure of real musical feeling.

It is a great pity that there is no one in Hongkong to give lessons to this 'cellist, because he has obvious talent. He must watch his intonation however, and particularly his bow control.

On a number of occasions, he had no bow left to give effect to his intentions, resulting in some unfortunate tonal anti-climaxes.

The highlight of the evening was the Beethoven Piano Trio No. 1 in E flat Major.

The players were Moya Ren (piano), Arrigo Foa (violin) and D.C. Honrado (cello).

This undoubtedly was a first class professional performance, and if a screen had been put up blocking the stage no one could have told that it was not one or other of the groups of international personalities one hears on records.

They had obviously rehearsed the work well, for their precision, tonal accuracy and ensemble blend was something that I had not heard before in a local combination.

Set Standard

There is an old saying that the strength of a chain is in its weakest link, and there is no doubt that the Philharmonic Society will give more pleasure to the public if they can get as many as possible purely professional combinations as in last night's performance of this trio.

It is a fact that where these same players combine with amateurs, the standard of performance seems to be set by the weakest of the amateurs.

I do hope D. C. Honrado can from now on take a much more prominent part in chamber music in Hongkong.

Sleepless Record Broken

Girls Pelt Duke With Roses

Bombay, Jan. 29.

Indian schoolgirls pelted the Duke of Edinburgh with rose petals and jasmine buds today as he drove 40 miles through the streets of the city to visit two of India's great modern showpieces.

Crowds estimated at more than a million people lined the streets, many shouting: "What about the Queen?"

The Duke's first visit was to the Indian Atomic Energy Establishment at Trombay, near Bombay, where he saw the Indian-built reactor which has been in operation for two and a half years.

New Reactor

He also saw a new reactor being built with Canadian help under the Colombo Plan.

Later the Duke drove to the world's biggest dairy farm at Aarey where he had lunch.

In the afternoon Prince Philip piloted his own Heron aircraft to Aurangabad, 200 miles east of here, where he saw Buddhist carvings in the caves at Ajanta and Ellora.—Reuter.

Missionary Leader Dies

Richmond, Va., Jan. 29.

Dr H. H. McMillan, Southern Baptist Missionary Emeritus to the Bahama Islands and China, died in hospital today. He was 73.

Dr McMillan and his wife served in China from 1913 to 1951 as representatives of the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

They went to the Bahamas following the Communist occupation of China in 1951.

Dr McMillan spent two years in a concentration camp following the occupation of China by the Japanese in 1941 but was freed in 1943.—U.P.I.

DISC JOCKEY STAYS AWAKE 9 DAYS: "IT WAS HORRIBLE"

Jacksonville, Florida, Jan. 29.

Disc jockey Dave Hunter claimed a world's record in the new stay-awake craze tonight, ending 225 continuous hours without sleep.

Hunter's sleepless hours total nine days, nine hours.

Heavy-eyed and exhausted, Hunter ended his "wake-a-thon" at 6.09 p.m. (5.09 a.m. Friday HK Time) and went home to his wife, 20-month-old son, a "dish of cookies and a glass of milk" — and sleep.

Leaving his makeshift studio in a car sales building, Hunter was ushered to a waiting ambulance and whisked to his home at nearby Jacksonville Beach.

He had been spinning records, conducting interviews and doing sundry duties since 9 a.m. January 20, apparently setting a record for sleeplessness.

Broadcaster Peter Tripp of New York, who began a similar marathon the same day, quit after 200 hours without sleep on Wednesday.

"I'm glad to get this thing over with," Hunter said in a voice husky with fatigue.

"It has really been a horrible experience.

"It was just a nine-day period of wanting desperately to get some sleep."

Voices

The lanky, 143-pound employee of Radio Station WZRO at Jacksonville Beach said he felt just about as he had the past few days sleepy.

"No, I haven't suffered any hallucinations, but I hear voices . . . about 400 to . . . with the same question. I do you feel? . . . and the voices are really there," Hunter said.

In New York, Tripp said today at a news conference that he "could see little things moving that didn't exist" before his marathon ended last night.

He slept for more than 13 hours after the ordeal, but was still drowsy today.

"Yesterday," he said, "the doctors all had cobwebs on their faces as if they had put them on with theatrical makeup. I also saw mice and tiny kittens at times."

Tripp will remain for several days under the observation of scientists who participated in the test.—U.P.I.

BUT BRIGITTE DIDN'T

Toulon, Jan. 29.

For a while it seemed as if everyone, except the actress herself, expected Brigitte Bardot to get married today.

She didn't, but the false expectation of matrimony, based on previous predictions in Paris newspapers, was strong enough to draw 200 spectators to the town hall of the tiny village of Londe near Toulon.

The town hall, it was said, was where the "sex kitten" of French movies was to marry guitar player Sacha Distel.

The Count of Leusse, a nobleman who doubles as Mayor of Londe, had to make a speech to disperse the throng, which included dozens of newsmen and photographers.

Marriage Soon

He assured them the wedding would not take place today.

However, he said Miss Bardot would marry Distel soon in Londe.

He refused to give the exact date.

Today's excitement was caused by reports in Paris newspapers early this month that Brigitte had finally decided to set a date with Distel, to whom she became engaged after a Riviera idyll last summer.

They met when he was hired to give her guitar lessons for a movie role.—U.P.I.

Hitch-Hike Killers Gaoled

Hanover, Jan. 29.

Hitch-hiker Gerhard "Pistol-Eddy" Popp today received a life sentence for killing two travelling salesmen in order to rob them.

His accomplice in crime, Inge "The Brown-Haired" Marchlowitz, 16, was sentenced to a seven-year reform school term for helping him in the murders.

Third party in the hitch-hike crime, Ewald Melzer, was given four-and-a-half-year gaol term for having instigated Popp and his young companion to commit the crime.

Inge had been used as a decoy to lure the salesmen.

She posed as a hitch-hiker, hopped into their car, and a short while later was joined by another "hitch-hiker," "Pistol-Eddy" dressed up as a girl.

The two proceeded to kill, then rob the unsuspecting victims.—France-Presse.

Man's Eye View

Yuba City, Calif., Jan. 29.

Mrs Ruby McGee told a Sutter County divorce court that her husband, Robert, refused to work and told her: "A woman is lucky to get a man these days and you should support me."—U.P.I.

U.S. Seeks Solution Of P.I. Troubles

Washington, Jan. 29.

The State Department said today that Mr Charles Bohlen, United States Ambassador to The Philippines, had returned to Washington in an attempt to find constructive solutions to current differences between the two countries.

The statement was issued when the Department's spokesman was asked at a Press conference to comment on remarks made by Mr Luciano Millan, vice-chairman of the Philippines House Foreign Affairs Committee.

Mr Millan was reported to have said that Mr Bohlen was circulating stories in Washington that The Philippines had been making demands on the United States so as to divert attention from domestic difficulties.

Differences

"This is a completely erroneous expression of Mr Bohlen's views," the Department's spokesman said. "On the contrary, he has come all the way back to Washington in order to consult officials of the U.S. Government with a view to finding constructive solutions to current U.S.-Philippine differences."

(Mr John Foster Dulles, the Secretary of State, told a Press conference on Tuesday that there were "surface frictions" in relations but that these did not affect the basically close and friendly ties between the two countries.)—Reuter.

Bottled Notes

New York, Jan. 29.

Mrs Anna Hermann, 65, of Chicago sailed on the liner America today for Germany and marriage to a retired railroader.

She carried with her two bottles, containing notes, which she will drop overboard during the trip.

Last summer she made a similar trip on the America, and dropped a bottle overboard on July 18. On August 16 the bottle was found in the Danish islands of Fano by Brigitte Rubenach of Flensburg, an 18-year-old German typist on holiday.

Miss Rubenach wrote to Mrs Hermann, and is now corresponding with Mrs Hermann's granddaughter.

"I hope the new bottles will make more friends for us," Mrs Hermann said.—U.P.I.

Speed Limit

New York, Jan. 29.

Commercial transcontinental airlines probably will never fly as fast as designers could make them go because they would no sooner hit top speed than they would have to slow down to land, an aero-dynamics engineer said today.—U.P.I.

Death Denied

Dominican Rep., Jan. 29.

Reports of the death of Vice-President Joaquin Balaguer were denied here tonight.—U.P.I.

Famous Figures

Each renowned for their figures, Sabrina and Herb Elliott recently got together to train for their appearance at an international cricket festival held in aid of the Red Cross in Victoria, Australia. Their figures are: Sabrina 41½-18-35; Herb 3.54.5 (for the mile!).—Central Press Photo.

QUARTER OF ALL RUSSIANS IN EDUCATION PLAN

Moscow, Jan. 29.

More than one out of every four people in the Soviet Union are actively enrolled in some aspect of the government's education programme, the 21st Communist Party Congress was told today.

Mrs Ekaterina Furtseva, the only woman ever to be elevated to the ranks of the Party Presidium, said more than 54 million people are participating in the programme.

She made the statement in a discussion of the party's ideological and educational work with the masses.

More than one billion books were published in the Soviet Union during 1958, the plump, 49-year-old Mrs Furtseva told the attentive delegates.

That figure compares with only 99 million books published in 1913, before the revolution, she said.

Films

She added: "The number of books published per person in the U.S.S.R. is three times as great as in the most advanced capitalist countries."

She said 400,000 libraries, with a total inventory of one and a half billion books are available to the Russian people.

She also paid tribute to the Soviet film industry, which she said has produced more than 350 films in less than three years following the 20th Party Congress.

"Bourgeois ideologists in other countries have nothing to counter the bright and noble ideals of Communism, nothing to attract the large masses," she said.

"All that is left for them to do is to slander Communism and to make it out as a kind of threat to civilisation and culture."—U.P.I.

White House Conference

Washington, Jan. 29.

President Eisenhower held an hour's conference at the White House today with Mr John Foster Dulles, the Secretary of State, and Mr Neil McElroy, the Secretary of Defence.

A White House spokesman said that National Security affairs were discussed.—Reuter.

Actor Cited For Kidnap

San Rafael, Calif., Jan. 29.

Film actor Sterling Hayden, who is believed to be almost halfway to Tahiti, was charged in a criminal complaint today with conspiracy to commit a number of offences, including child theft.

The children are Hayden's own four and the complaint was signed by their mother, Mrs Betty Ann de Noon Hayden, his former wife.

Also charged were 10 members of the crew of Hayden's schooner, Wanderer.

They face charges of conspiring to commit contempt of court, endanger the lives of the children, contribute to their delinquency, and child theft.

A court order had prohibited Hayden from taking the children on the trip although he had been awarded their custody.—U.P.I.

Plane Crash

Santiago, Jan. 29.

Seven people were believed to have been killed in the crash of a Chilean military plane last Wednesday, it was announced today.

The announcement said that search parties had found the wreckage of the plane near the Osorn volcano, and that they had seen no traces of life.—France-Presse.

Courtesy

Chicago, Jan. 29.

Lewis Dukes, porter at the Avis Hotel, was forced to drive a getaway car for a gunman who robbed the hotel. Dukes was tipped $5 from the loot.—U.P.I.

COLONIALISM IS DEAD: SEATO CHIEF

Washington, Jan. 29.

Pote Sarasin, Secretary-General of the South-East Asia Treaty Organisation (Seato) declared that the age of colonialism is past and Asian nations should stop worrying about its return.

Mr Sarasin spoke to the National Press Club as he neared the end of conferences here on plans for co-operation among the three anti-Communist alliances—Seato, Nato and the Bagdad Pact.

"Personally," he said, "I consider that the age of colonialism is definitely closed and that there are no reasons, therefore, for Asian countries to waste their time and energy brooding over it.

"The problem they are facing at this moment is not to protect themselves against an improbable offensive return of Western colonialism.

It is to build up their economic structure, to improve the welfare of their peoples, and to preserve and develop their ways of life....

Two Things

"They need two things: one is peace and security; the other is mutual sympathy, understanding and co-operation," the Asian diplomat said.

Apart from Seato's defensive role, Mr Sarasin said, its most far-reaching accomplishment is the "remarkable progress" it has made in producing a real community among the "ill-assorted congregation" of South-East Asian nations.

Its membership, he pointed out, includes Muslims, Christians and Buddhists, former colonies, and colonial powers and traditionally independent states.

Their great opportunity through this co-operation is to turn their energies and thoughts to the future instead of the past, he said.

Mr Sarasin appealed to Americans to accept the necessity of interdependence in today's shrinking world in dealing with the threat of Communist advances and the pressing economic needs of billions of people.

This interdependence, he said, "cannot be a one-way matter. True enough Asia depends upon the United States, but the United States also depends upon our freedom, our strength and our friendship."—U.P.I.

Clock Watchers

Brantford, Ont., Jan. 29.

Starlings are slowing the clock on the post office here by riding the hands down from five to 25 minutes past the hour and then hopping on again for the ride up from 25 to five minutes to the hour. Their rides last from 20 minutes to the minute hand to four hours on the hour hand. — U.P.I.

Socks Again

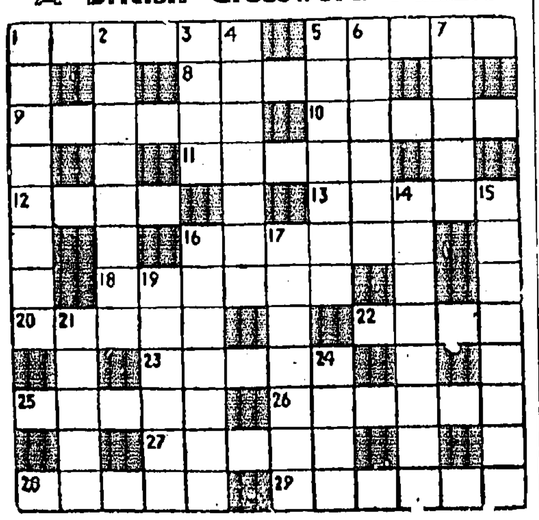
London, Jan. 29.

A man escaped over the walls of London's Wormwood Scrubs Prison tonight by using a rope of socks.

It was the second time in recent months that a prisoner has escaped this way.

Thick fog hampered the search for the prisoner—Derek Burgess, 27, who is serving a 10-year sentence for shooting with intent to murder.—Reuter.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

1 Cricket twin (6).
5 Uncomfortable symptoms of hunger, maybe (5).
8 Fruit in some London shops (5).
9 Harm (6).
10 Pry (5).
11 Contract some get without difficulty (5).
12 Legwear for firemen? (4).
13 The 11+ is one of them (5).
16 Code letter for a dainty bit, perhaps (6).
18 Pulls one's leg (6).
20 This organ needs blowing, of course (5).
22 In a state of suspense (4).
23 Suitable craft for backwaters? (5).
25 That's your lot! (5)
26 Purify (6).
27 Wear down (5).
28 Uncanny (5).
29 Catch-phrase (6).

DOWN

1 Make things shine on the South Coast, we hear (8).
2 Down payments (8).
3 Name (4).
4 Church screen (7).
5 Have something (7).
6 Take over a girl on the river (6).
7 Darkness (5).
14 Entirely upper class circle—very attractive (8).
15 Suffering from mal-de-mer? (8)
16 Duck with a fat tail (7).
17 Best performances in music? (7)
19 This kind of egg cannot be beaten! (6).
21 Keen angle (5)
24 Strip off in the Isle of Man (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 1 Dulcet, 5 Roots, 8 Wise, 9 Abates, 11 Total, 12 Rotter, 14 We-I.R. 16 All in, 18 Wrens, 19 Stye, 20 Hermit, 24 Opium, 25 Rococo, 26 [illegible]ed, 27 Dregs, 28 Leg-end. **Down:** 1 Dead, 2 Liar, 3 Ewes, 4 [illegible]tor, 5 Retreat, 6 Octuple, 7 Solving, 10 Token, 13 Twofold, 14 Wayside 15 Isthmus, 17 Lyric, 19 Sorrel, 21 Mode, 22 Top-E. 23 Wood.

Anastasia Burned, Says Cossack

Copenhagen, Jan. 29.

A former Russian Cossack Colonel, Vladimir Ivanovitch Karpoff, said today that the Czar's daughter, Anastasia, was killed with other members of the family on July 17, 1918, at Ekaterinburg.

Karpoff, 66, said that he had been on duty at the chateau near Ekaterinburg at the time the Czar and his family were shot.

There is no doubt as to the assassination of the Princess Anastasia, he said.

After the massacre all the bodies were thrown into a coal pit, covered with petrol and burned.

"I helped to clear the place after the fire and we found a ring, brooches and necklaces, all of which had belonged to Princess Anastasia.

Karpoff was interviewed in the Jutland village of Ballo, where he is shortly to be married.

In Germany, a woman named Anna Anderson, claims she is Anastasia and that she was saved from the assassination of the rest of her family.

Other women have also claimed to be Anastasia.—France-Presse.

Parley in Tin Pan Alley . . . now I dig the 'gig'!

by PATRICIA LEWIS

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NOW what do you suppose the men in this photograph are doing? Voting for strike action? Awaiting the race results? Or just hanging around for the pubs to open?

If you will pardon the phrase, most of them are trying to "fix a gig"—which, if you play something other than the horses, means hoping to get a job.

For this is the Musician' Market, the place where the boys in the band gather after the ball is over.

Every Monday, as dusk presses down on the shabby roofs of Soho, you can find them ....300....400....maybe 500, packed like straphangers in the rush hour, the length, breadth and depth of Archer Street, behind the Windmill Theatre.

As the hours pass and the talk flows, the groups mix and swell and surge from side to side of the street until the whole thing looks like a ludicrous outdoor cocktail party. (Except that most cocktail parties are not liable to be "moved on" by police, or moved through by coal-trucks, flowerbarrows, limousines, and boxing touts yelling "Black tickets for the white fight.") Everybody knows everybody. The entire purpose of this Monday meeting is to hire or be hired, pay or be paid, and to talk, talk, talk.

The talk

"Why do I come here?" Alf Kahn looked at me suspiciously. "Because I've been coming here every Monday for 28 years. Me? I play saxophone, clarinet, flute, and piccolo....mostly free lance." He gave a satisfied sigh.

"Actually today I'm trying to make up a game of golf...." He moved off with a "Hey, Snowball!" to shake the hand of a man with the sheck of wild, white hair that should only happen some day to Van Cliburn.

A while later he passed me again. "That's me fixed for the week," he muttered with a wink. "Just got a booking at Churchill's."

All around me diaries were being thumbed, pencils being licked, and dates pencilled in.

All around me brief-cases and wallets and pockets were disgorging money which appeared, changed hands, and disappeared as on the last day of the sales.

All around me the voices rose. ...."Say, man, where've you been? A tenner to play that much overtime? I spend that getting high enough to do the gig"....

"Hey, Lou! I'm through with that Lyceum bit, so when do we start on the quartet?" ...."Are you in on the darts session, Scotty?"...."Alf! Do I owe you money?"....

"How d'you find playing with that double rhythm section, Bill?"...."I gotta garage now, you know"...."Listen, Dad, you oughta try memorising eight arrangements."

The faces

The faces? Mostly middle-aged and bespectacled, some quite old, relaxed and pink as babies, some quite young, pinched and pale as veterans, some coloured and laughing, some coloured and sad.

Then I saw a face I knew. **Bill Su'ett**, who plays sax and clarinet on TV's "Dig, This!"

"What are you doing here, Bill? You've *got* a job."

"I've come to see my friends," he replied, turning to a man with cymbals tucked underneath each arm. "Hi, Ken! Whatta you here for?"

"Well," said drummer **Ken Ward**, "thought I'd buzz up here to fill in the afternoon."

They both turned as a man in a red silk tie joined the group. It was **Manny Winters**. "He's always on TV with **Jack Parnell's** band," nudged the drummer. "Big session boy—never stops working.".

MUSIC-MAKERS—JUST WAITING AROUND FOR A GIG

The pride

"Mr Winters," I said, "what's your reason for coming here every week regardless of whether you have business to do or not?"

Fr Winters gave me a cagey glance.

"To see my friends," he said. "You must understand—the street is exclusively for dance-band musicians. The orchestral boys meet in that building down Archer Street to the left—the Orchestral Association. It's called. And the thing I'd like to know is why we can't have a building to meet in too—like gentlemen—instead of standing around in doorways like a lot of hawkers!"

"The union?" I suggested.

Came a chorus: "They always say they haven't the funds."

A clannish lot, musicians. A wary lot, where outsiders are concerned—which, maybe, is why they have their own idiom.

A proudish lot too. That is why I would like to see them get a new Monday-go-to-meeting place—because, as one of the boys might say, the current scene is pretty doomy.

FOR JAZZ —BRITAIN

I'd like you to meet one of the mouldiest figs this side of decomposition: **George Lewis**, fragile seven-stone leader of the only original New Orleans jazz band still surviving.

But the words of "traditional" jazz and present-day jazz are further apart than would seem possible in a mere two generations.

I sat astonished with 58-year-old Mr Lewis as he told me in a Creole-French whisper that England is the only place where his kind of music will survive.

"I've been playing the same way since 1914, when I got 75 cents for a Saturday night club, but you can't get the young Negro to play traditional jazz any more. They've had it every day for all their lives, and they're all trying to get away from their old environment with modern jazz and rock 'n' roll."

SUBDUED SAMMY

Been catching up on my film-going recently. One production held a personal interest for me — "Anna Lucasta" — wherein **Sammy Davis jun.** makes his film debut.

Sammy Davis—a ridiculously short, painfully thin, extraordinarily ugly Negro — is thought by many in America (including **Sinatra**) to be the greatest entertainer of the day.

I met Davis jun. at a Hollywood party and was shaken to find him even shorter, thinner, and uglier than I had expected.

Yet in a room comprising **Sinatra, Dean Martin, Jack Benny, Gary Cooper, David Niven, Tony Curtis, Ernie Kovacs,** and other friends as well his personality swamped the others until everyone seemed to be swimming along in the Sammy Davis wake.

He sang, he danced, he flopped, he vibrated, he clowned, he played his own records, he produced some dice and got a crap game going on the floor—and won.

He did everything to make himself the year's least likely contender in the good-guestmanship stakes — except for one moment.

I'd asked him when he was going to visit London.

"Gee!" he said breathlessly. "I'd love to—but where and how would I present myself?"

"Don't worry, Sammy," said a voice. "I'll present you when I go over to do my next show."

SAMMY DAVIS JUN.

It was Jack Benny. And the suggested blend was about as natural as teaming **Maria Callas** and **Ella Fitzgerald**.

Mr Davis blinked twice—then gave a great, blistering smile.

"Sure, Jack, sure! That's a great idea. We oughta talk about it."

"We will," said Benny smoothly and patting the patent-brilliantined Davis head strolled away.

Sammy Davis was subdued for the rest of the evening.

✧ A short glossary for squares

JUST supposing you don't dig the Archer Street Argot I have compiled this list of the more swingin' phrases that make musician-talk near-incomprehensible to the sub-hip.

BREAD: money, preferably earned. As in "When do I get the bread?"

BRING DOWN: to be made depressed. "He brought me right down."

BUSK: to play without music. "We'll busk it."

DIG: to like or understand. "I dig you—but I don't dig that piano."

DOTS: notes of music on band-parts and arrangements.
DOOMY: a dreary, dull place or person.

DOWN: where one is brought by doomy places and people.

FUNKY: originally unpleasant, now means earthy, steeped in a "Bluesy" atmosphere.

GAS: noun or verb rating something highly. "He's a gas," or "I was gassed."

GIG: originally a one-night stand or temporary job, now means any musical engagement.

HOORAY HERBERTS AND HENRYS: the Guardee-type debs' delights who think it's terribly hip to - clutter up the jazz clubs but don't really dig a single dot.

HOW BAD!: means, conversely, "How great!"

LIKE: a noun used when words fail. "It was like . . . well . . . like, like, man!"

LOOT: bread, loot, and money are synonymous.

MOULDY FIG: a traditional jazz purist.

OOGLIES: the Morons—not necessarily Hooray Herberts and Henrys—who clutter up the jazz clubs but don't dig.

SQUARE: there are many in the more exclusive residential districts of towns and cities everywhere.

WAILING: when a musician is playing particularly well. "I had a wonderful wail last night."

—(London Express Service).

I'M SICK OF COMEDY

—a surprising admission from Kay Kendall

THAT chic, fashionable beauty Kay Kendall is planning a change.

She has built a career on the sly art of purveying sophisticated humour for the masses.

But she will make her farewell appearance as a comedienne in "Once More With Feeling," in which she will play conductor Yul Brynner's harp-playing wife.

This is indeed a curious decision for a young woman who has devoted most of her professional life to mastering the rubbie technique of making a drunken collapse look graceful and a bounced eyebrow seen tastefully sexy.

So why, at 31, is Miss Kendall scheming to shelve that special talent which has taken her from a £15-a week temperamental, underrated Rank starlet to a £500-a-week top star in four turbulent years?

HARD WORK

The other night, she told me frankly: "I am sick, sick, sick and tired of those frothy comedies. It is tremendously hard work and no one outside the acting profession appreciates it. The public thinks you're having a joyous time.

"It really is desperately difficult being light and gay at nine o'clock on a Monday morning in a cold film studio. And when you've acted your heart out, people come up and say, 'It's simply *you*, darling."

Her voice grew icicles. Said she: "I mean, really, I don't see the point in worrying oneself to a standstill, and people turn round and say, 'Darling, what gorgeous fun.'

"It isn't fun, believe me. Remember that scene in 'The Reluctant Debutante' when I tripped down the stairs?

"I told Vincent Minnelli, the director, a dear, sweet man, that I couldn't do it. It was much too difficult.

"I was almost in tears with frustration and anger trying to get it right. Ten times I did it. *Ten* times. Nothing very gay about that, is there?"

Slowly, the voice with a hint of mint went on: "I suppose I sound pompous and idiotic talking like this. But I do feel rather strongly about it.

"Oh, I know there is a lot to be said for a performance which completely fools the public. And, of course, there is a lot of personal satisfaction to be had from it all."

With a surprising show of naivete the mistress of brittle cocktail small-talk said: "I remember when I was doing a difficult scene in 'Les Girls' in Hollywood.

"Bing Crosby and Fred Astaire walked on to the set and watched me.

"Afterwards they told me how much they enjoyed my performance. Now that was a big thrill to me and very rewarding."

She paused, when she spoke she was again Kendall the fashionable sophisticate.

Said she: "Of course, if I give up comedy and am unsuccessful that is hard cheese for me. But if I didn't take the risk I wouldn't be worth much, I mean as a human being.

"And that's what really counts — being a successful human being."

She added truthfully: "At least I've always got comedy to fall back on if I'm a dismal failure at anything else."

But she won't fail. And I'm sad.

PETER EVANS

—(London Express Service).

ROUND-UP

TO LAUNCH NEW LINER

THE Queen Mother is to launch the new Union Castle liner, Windsor Castle, largest ship ever to be used on the mail service to South Africa. The 36,000-ton liner is being built at Cammell Laird's Birkenhead yard and will be launched on June 23. The Windsor Castle will carry 250 first-class passengers and 600 tourist class. All first-class cabins will have private bathrooms and each class has its own swimming pool. The liner, which is 783 ft. long, will have a crew of 450.

NEW SWIMMING POOL

PLANS for a giant 4,000-seater covered swimming pool in Chiswick, London, costing about £300,000, are being discussed by Brentford and Chiswick Borough Council. It is hoped to hold international swimming events, boxing matches, tennis and badminton tournaments there. The idea was suggested by the public halls and baths committee because they thought Chiswick school-children were not getting enough swimming practice in winter. The only two open-air pools in the area are closed in winter. Councillor George Coleshill, the committee's chairman, said it will be big enough to attract international sporting events. It will have a sun-terrace, sun-lounge and gardens. The pool will be about 100-feet long.

PUBLICANS GO TO BUCKINGHAM

FIVE publicans will be going to Buckingham Palace on February 4 to get their annual licences renewed by the Board of the Green Cloth, a court with a history of many hundreds of years. Four public houses in Whitehall are controlled by the Queen. They are the Silver Cross, the Clarence, the Old Ship and the Shades. The licence of the Whitehall Court, where Bernard Shaw, once lived is also controlled by her.

"Ladies and gentlemen, I hear you're looking for a nice, solid, dependable candidate . . ."

London Express Service

RAPIER'S RACING COMMENTS

Second Day Of Seventh Meet Tomorrow

WORLD HEAVYWEIGHT TITLE FIGHT CONTRACT SIGNED

To Be Held In US Before Sept. 30

New York, Jan. 29.

Ingemar Johansson, Sweden's undefeated European champion, scrawled his signature across the foot of an eight-page contract on a restaurant table today to climax four months of negotiations to meet world heavyweight champion Floyd Patterson for the title this summer.

The 26-year-old dimple-faced Swede will face Patterson some time before the end of September at a site in this country yet to be selected.

In a smoke-filled room of the Stockholm restaurant just off Broadway, the fighters signed contracts setting out these terms:

The Terms

☆ The title bout to be held in the United States before September 30 this year at a date and site to be selected.

☆ Patterson to receive 40 per cent of the gross gate, worth a minimum guarantee of 300,000 dollars;

☆ Johansson to receive 20 per cent of the gate, with a minimum guarantee of 100,000 dollars, and to put his purse "in escrow" (held by a third person as a surety) if he wins, as a guarantee of a return bout within 90 days.

Mr. Bill Rosensohn, the promoter, announced that Johansson would be banned from any fight before the title bout, but Patterson would be free to engage in any fight he wished. He admitted it would be "a problem" if the world champion fought and lost before meeting the Swede.

'Expect Anything'

The young promoter described the match as "the most important event in boxing history in the last 20 years" and said the world could "expect almost anything from this bout."

He sweated and shouted to get himself heard above the din of photographers and boxing writers who crowded round the fighters as they signed forms at a table hastily covered by a green baize cloth to help the television cameramen.

He said he hoped to fix the date and site within 30 days and his own preference was for the bout to take place some time in June.

Johansson and Patterson held up the signing, both arriving nearly three-quarters of an hour late.

Johansson, an inch taller than Patterson said: "I am certainly glad to get this fight. I hope to win and eventually take back the crown to Sweden."

Patterson wore a look of pained resignation as he sat by Johansson and faced the almost hysterical mob of photographers who elbowed, barged and shoved each other in their attempts to record the signing ceremony.

Uncommunicative

Cus D'Amato, the champion's manager, who seldom has anything definite to say about his fighter's plans, remained as uncommunicative as ever over the major question of whether Patterson will fight before meeting Johansson.

Rosensohn said his aim was to make the fight one of the biggest promotions in history.

Johansson, who said he expected to return to Stockholm next Monday, has agreed to return to this country at least two months before the title bout. His Swedish agent, Edwin Ahlquist, added: "Maybe 10 weeks before."

The only man among the throng who voiced disapproval of the ceremony and the fight was grim-faced Bobby Gleason, manager of Cuban heavyweight Nino Valdes.

"How much longer have I got to wait before Nino gets a crack at the championship," he complained.

"I'm 67 and Nino is 35. At this rate, we will be both dead and buried before we get a shot at the title. Johansson has only fought three times in the past year and Nino has fought seven and won all. I'm disgusted."—Reuter.

CLASS 1 PONIES TO VIE OVER CHAMPION DISTANCE IN THE MAIN EVENT

After an interval of two weeks, the second day's programme of the Hongkong Jockey Club Seventh Race Meeting will be held tomorrow. As usual eight events will be contested. The First Saddling bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m. sharp with the first race starting at 2.00 p.m. sharp.

The most interesting event tomorrow will be the Telegraph Bay Handicap for Class 1 ponies over the Champion distance.

Here are my estimates of the chances:—

FIRST RACE

Junk Bay Handicap: 1¼ Miles.

The opening race of the day is confined to Class 9 ponies to be ridden by riders who have not won ten races anywhere at any time.

A persual of the entries would seem to indicate that **Free Kick** (Sam Chow), **Advancement** (Steven Lai), **So Big** (H. Fattydad) and **Fei Chi** (Ringo Lai) are the ones to fight out the issue in this race. **Free Kick** is my choice and I think it should win, but **Advancement** is not to be ignored as this pony can move and the distance is more to its liking.

So Big is not bad over this distance and should not be disregarded.

The same remark applies to **Fei Chi.**

SECOND RACE

Causeway Bay Handicap (First Section): Six Furlongs.

The winner of this race should come from among **Mascot** (Alex Lam), **Supersonic** (K. Kwok), **Bluegrass** (H. M. Botelho), and **Ability** (P. Y. T. Wei).

Mascot won the Baldoyle Handicap (First Section) over this distance at the 6th Race Meeting for Class 5 ponies and will most probably win again here.

Supersonic which was third in the Kempton Park Handicap (First Section) at the 5th Race Meeting should give Mascot a strong challenge for the premier position.

Bluegrass and **Ability** may have some chance here as they are in fine fettle at the moment during morning gallops.

THIRD RACE

Clear Water Bay Handicap (First Section): One Mile.

Glamour Girl (H. K. Hung) should make ample amends for its defeat at the last meeting in this race, while **Viewpoint** (T. H. Yau) will make **Glamour Girl** go all out to earn the lion's share of the prize money.

Nobel Prize (H. Fattydad) is fit and ought to have some say at the finish.

Cops (P. Plumbly) will certainly not be too far behind the leaders at the finish if it is properly handled all the way.

FOURTH RACE

Telegraph Bay Handicap: 1¼ Miles.

This is the principal race of the day in which Class 1 ponies will battle out the finish.

In my estimation the result will be decided among **As You Wish** (A. Ostroumoff), **(Winsome Stag** (Alex Lam) and **Shiraz** (Chun Kit).

Judging by its form in morning gallops I think **As You Wish** should win in the absence of **Snow-Damsel** which may not accept.

Winsome Stag, however, is not to be ignored as this pony is good over this distance.

For those looking for an outsider, I suggest **Shiraz.**

FIFTH RACE

Causeway Bay Handicap (Second Section): Six Furlongs.

Second lot of Class 4 ponies will fight out the issue in this race.

My choice is between two fleet-footed ponies, **Iping** (M. Samareq) and **Yin Chi** (A. Ostroumoff). They are so fast over this distance that they seem to me to be the outstanding ones.

Ambition (K. Kwok) and **Bashful Beauty II** (Alex Lam) are also fast and must figure prominently.

Sydney (P. Plumbly) is quite capable of staying in the field.

SIXTH RACE

Clear Water Bay Handicap (Second Section): One Mile.

G-Man, with K. Kwok up, has the distance, weight, combination and Class all in his favour and should have a very good chance in winning this race.

Tai Ping Shan (Alex Lam) and **Bonny Boy** (H. K. Hung) are good enough to offer certain opposition in case this brown gelding falters.

Vigorous Ava (H. Fattydad) and **King A** (A. Ostroumoff) have some chance here.

SEVENTH RACE

Quarry Bay Handicap: 1¼ Miles.

In its early morning spins **Jura** (P. Plumbly) has shown possibilities of being the eventual winner of this event but as this pony may not accept **Cover Girl** is the logical choice.

Courier (K. Kwok) can be relied on to do well over this distance and should give **Cover Girl** a good run for first position.

EIGHTH RACE

Deep Bay Handicap: From 2 Mile Post.

The final event of the day will be contested by Class 4 ponies.

From among the entries the following are worth following:—**Grace** (Allan Chan), **Norse Girl** (M. Samareq), **Na Pazi** (P. Plumbly), **Wing Hang** (H. K. Hung) and **Gabriel Junks** (H. M. Botelho).

Grace is a greatly improved pony and its win in the St Andrew's Stakes for Class 6 ponies over the Champion distance carrying 158 lbs at the 4th Race Meeting points to another win here.

On the other hand **Norse Girl** is well suited to this distance and should be near at the finish.

Na Pazi must be considered in view of its second placing in the Doncaster Handicap (Second Section) over the mile at the last meeting.

Wing Hang and **Gabriel Junks** are also good over this distance and capable of upsetting calculations.

Patterson Made 13-5 Favourite

New York, Jan. 29.

Floyd Patterson was installed a 13-5 favourite tonight in early man-to-man betting on his summer heavyweight title defence against Ingemar Johansson of Sweden.

It was "even money" that Patterson would knock out unbeaten Johansson, heavyweight champion of Europe, within their 15 rounds.

It was 5½ to 1 against Johansson's winning on a knockout, and 2-1 that the bout does not last 15 rounds, regardless of the winner.—U.P.I.

WORLD BASKETBALL

Russia May Forfeit Formosa Game And Endanger Title Hope

Santiago, Jan. 29.

Sergai Bessenov, president of the Russian Basketball Federation, today reiterated the Soviet decision not to play against Formosa on Friday night, thus making it possible for either the US or Brazil to win the third World Basketball Championships although undefeated Russia has beaten them both.

Under the point system used for team standings in the seven-team round-robin, a team gets two points for a victory, one point for a loss and no points for a failure to play.

Thus Russia has 10 points for its five victories, and US and Brazil each have seven points for their three victories and one defeat. Each has two more games to play — the US against Chile tonight and Brazil tomorrow night, and Brazil plays Chile on closing night in addition to its important game with the US Friday night. If either the US or Brazil wins both games, it will finish with 11 points.

If each wins one and loses one, there will be a three-way tie at 10 points, and the championship will be decided on a goal average.

Russia beat Brazil 66-63 and trounced the US last night, 62-37. It also ran up an 84-55 victory over Puerto Rico, but Brazil has a 94-76 conquest of Formosa to its credit, and a 99-71 win over Puerto Rico.

The US has been far less impressive, with a 54-53 squeaker against Puerto Rico on its record. Thus, if it comes down to goal average, the Brazilians would be a more dangerous rival to Russia than would the US.—U.P.I.

Cut this out and take it to the races tomorrow for your guidance

Probable Starters, Weights & Riders

Probable starters, weights and riders for tomorrow's Happy Valley race meeting are given below. This list is based on the most up-to-date information available. As an additional guide to form, the placings of the ponies in their last three starts will be found on the left hand side of their names.

2.00 p.m. Race 1. JUNK BAY HANDICAP. 1¼ Miles. Novices. Class 9.

233 Free Kick (Ng) ..... 154 lbs. Sam Chow.
000 Lucky Chap (Sofronoff) 150 lbs. Sonny Shum.
000 Supermaster (Shiu) ....*150 lbs. S. C. Kiang.
401 So Big (S. H. Wong) .. 140 lbs. Fattydad.
000 Lombard (Metrevelli) . 140 lbs. Parsons.
004 Fei Chi (Kramoperoff) 144 lbs. Ringo Lai.
000 Opportune (Lum) ..... 141 lbs. Robert Lee.
002 Advancement (Chew) . 139 lbs. Steven Lai.
000 Jetfield (Metrevelli) .. 133 lbs. Cham.
000 Waglan (Sofronoff) .... 133 lbs. C. F. Lai.

Possible Acceptors: Blondie, Carnevelle, Rebel II, Ma Cherie, Good Girl.

* 5 lbs. Allowance for 'Maiden Novice'.

2.30 p.m. Race 2. CAUSEWAY BAY HANDICAP (1st Section). 6 Furlongs. Class 4.

102 Rotary Wheel (Kramoperoff) ..... 152 lbs. Plumbly.
141 Mascot (Leskoff) ..... 150 lbs. Alex Lam.
200 All Happy (Perebooff) . 146 lbs. E. S. Wong.
303 Gambetta (Tokmokoff) 140 lbs. Samareq.
021 Ability (Shiu) ..... 145 lbs. Wei.
143 Supersonic (Ng) ..... 145 lbs. Kwok.
230 Bluegrass (Belokopitoff) 143 lbs. Botelho.
044 Pathfinder (Rodney) ... 140 lbs. Andrew Lam.
200 Temujin (Sofronoff) ... 140 lbs. Hung.
000 Long Cue (Ng) .....*134 lbs. Horace Chan.

Possible Acceptors:

3.00 p.m. Race 3. CLEAR WATER BAY HANDICAP (1st Section). 1 Mile. Class 6.

422 Glamour Girl (Lum) .. 153 lbs. Hung.
310 American Carrot (Noodt) .....*152 lbs. C. F. Lai.
420 Wedding Bell (Chew) . 150 lbs. Allan Chan.
044 Cops (Rodney) ..... 145 lbs. Plumbly.
300 Georgie Porgie (Metrevelli) .....145 lbs. Alex Lam.
003 Viewpoint (Shiu) ..... 140 lbs. Yau.
010 Nobel Prize (Lum) ...*136 lbs. Fattydad.
010 Famoran (S. H. Wong) 137 lbs. C. Y. Wong.
000 Vendetta (Tokmokoff) .*136 lbs. U Kum Lum.

Possible Acceptors: Venus, Fleetfoot, Lai Golab, Pot O'Gold.

3.30 p.m. Race 4. TELEGRAPH BAY HANDICAP. 1¼ Miles. Class 1.

213 As You Wish (Rodney) 152 lbs. Ostroumoff.
201 Shiraz (Tokmokoff) .... 149 lbs. Kwok.
322 Winsome Stag (Noodt) 140 lbs. Alex Lam.
404 Permanent View (Lum) 134 lbs. H. C. Woo.

Possible Acceptors: Snow-Damsel, Hellespont, Vingt Et Un.

4.00 p.m. Race 5. CAUSEWAY BAY HANDICAP (2nd Section). 6 Furlongs. Class 4.

410 Ambition (Ng) ..... 154 lbs. Kwok.
003 Belinda (Kramoperoff) 150 lbs. Allan Chan.
021 Iping (Tokmokoff) .... 150 lbs. Samareq.
101 Yin Chi (Rodney) .... 150 lbs. Ostroumoff.
000 Bashful Beauty II (Metrevelli) ..... 149 lbs. Alex Lam.
000 Nashua (Sofronoff) .... 147 lbs. Hung.
022 Sydney (Kramoperoff) 145 lbs. Plumbly.
000 Desert Hero (Lum) ....*142 lbs. Andrew Chan.
000 Eudora (S. H. Wong) .. 133 lbs. Chun Kit.

Possible Acceptor: Giant Knight.

4.30 p.m. Race 6. CLEAR WATER BAY HANDICAP (2nd Section). 1 Mile. Class 6.

000 Beloved (Ng) ..... 152 lbs. Sam Chow.
321 Tai Ping Shan (Metrevelli) ..... 151 lbs. Alex Lam.
203 King A (Rodney) ..... 150 lbs. Ostroumoff.
332 Appreciation (Metrevelli) ..... 148 lbs. Chun Kit.
000 Passing Shot (S. H. Wong) ..... 146 lbs. Stairr Liu.
002 G-Man (Ng) ..... 145 lbs. Kwok.
104 Bonny Boy (Sofronoff) 144 lbs. Hung.
000 Cirrus (Lum) .....*140 lbs. Horace Chan.
000 National Delight (Chiang) ..... 140 lbs. Tsai.
440 Winning Streak (Kramoperoff) ..... 139 lbs. Allan Chan.
100 Vigorous Ava (A. S. Wong) .....*137 lbs. Fattydad.
000 Sea Tigress (Sofronoff)*133 lbs. Sonny Shum.

Possible Acceptor: Our Pride.

5.00 p.m. Race 7. QUARRY BAY HANDICAP. 1¼ Miles. Class 6.

333 Courier (Belokopitoff) 154 lbs. Kwok.
000 Amusement (Belokopitoff) ..... 150 lbs. Travers.
000 Hylamon (S. H. Wong) 143 lbs. Tsai.
020 Cover Girl (Lum) ..... 144 lbs. Hung.
000 Alex's Gift (Rodney) .. 143 lbs. Alex Lam.
000 As You Like It (Lum) .*143 lbs. Wan.
000 Carola (A. S. Wong) .. 139 lbs. P. K. Liang.
000 Yu-Hua-Tsung (Sofronoff) .....*133 lbs. C. F. Lai.

Possible Acceptors: Jura, Constellation.

5.30 p.m. Race 8. DEEP BAY HANDICAP. 1 Mile 111 Yards. Class 4.

000 Can Do (Chew) ..... 153 lbs. Chen Poo.
241 Norse Girl (Belokopitoff) ..... 151 lbs. Samareq.
004 Wing Hang (Sofronoff) 151 lbs. Hung.
131 Eunice (S. H. Wong) .. 150 lbs. Chun Kit.
002 Na Pazi (Rodney) ..... 150 lbs. Plumbly.
043 Brilliance (Shiu) ..... 149 lbs. Wei.
231 Grace (Kramoperoff) .. 140 lbs. Allan Chan.
304 Ariel (Chiang) ..... 145 lbs. Alex Lam.
432 Easy Win (Noodt) ..... 145 lbs. Tsai.
203 Chatterbox (Shiu) ..... 136 lbs. Ostroumoff.
040 Gabriel Junks (Kramoperoff) ..... 136 lbs. Botelho.

Possible Acceptors: Confuser, Sportsmanship.

* Jockey Allowance To Be Claimed.

England Win At Badminton

Leicester, Jan. 29.

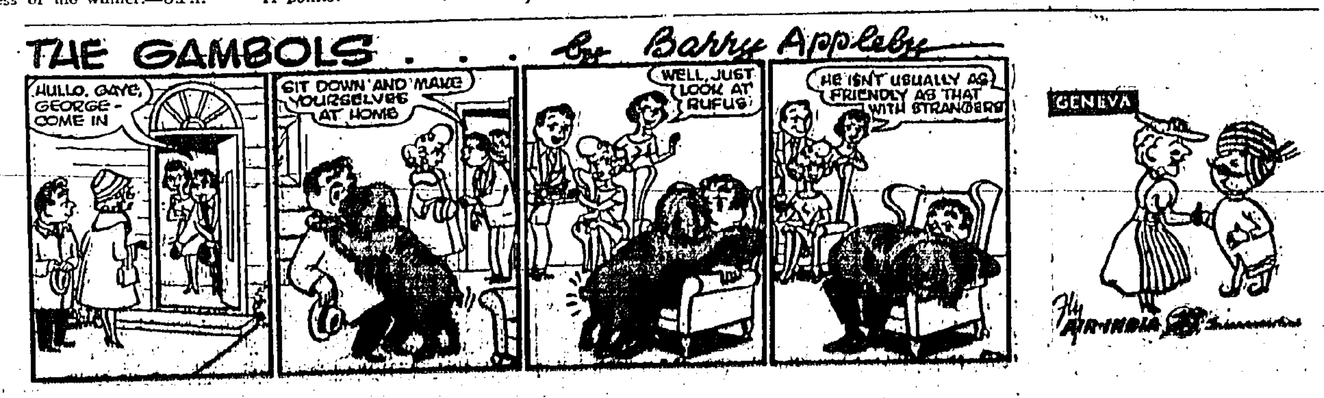
England retained their unbeaten badminton record against Scotland with a 9-0 win here tonight. It was the 30th match between the two countries.—Reuter.

COOPER BEATS SEDGMAN

Perth, Jan. 29.

Ashley Cooper, last year's Wimbledon champion, beat his fellow-Australian Frank Sedgman 10-8, 6-2, to reach the final of a professional tournament here today.

His opponent in the final tomorrow will be Lew Hoad who beat Ken Rosewall 6-2, 10-8, in another all-Australian semi-final.—Reuter.



WOMANSENSE

WOMAN'S WORLD

Rome.

AS far as men are concerned, Italian fashions appear to have replaced the catcall with the old wolf-whistle.

That appears to be the male reaction to revealing beachwear and ultra-feminine clothes in the Italian spring-summer fashion collections.

They seem especially designed to appeal to men as well as women.

The male eye never did seem to catch on to "The Sack," "The Trapeze" or the "Empire" look. Tiny waists, curved hips, soft fabrics added up to a romantic silhouette in the latest Florence and Rome fashion shows.

Cover-up swimsuits were banished. The Bikini and the abbreviated one piece suit dominated—if that is the word—the Italian beachwear collections.

Girls will look like girls instead of pirates or matadors, if the Italian designers have their way. There was a trend toward frilly beach tops dainty as lingerie. The South Sea Islands inspired sarong draped Bikinis. Simonetta gave her casual clothes exotic names like "Bali" and "Sumatra."

The Oriental influence made itself felt in coolie beach hats and kimonos with broad obi sashes.

Curves dominated the high fashion collections in Rome and Florence. The accent was a small, natural waistline and eye-catching belts. The "Empire" line vanished almost completely in the Italian collections. There were a few high waistlines but they were the exception and not the rule.

Hips staged a comeback in Italy's spring-summer style shows. Skirts were belled, curved, gathered and draped to accentuate what comes below the waist. "Wide" shirts—stiffened or gathered at the sides into a pannier effect—built up the hips and flattened the figure fore and aft.—U.P.I.

By SHEILA WALSH

YOUR BIRTHDAY ....By STELLA

FRIDAY, JANUARY 30

BORN today, you have an exceptionally acquisitive mind, a magnetic personality and a natural genius for leadership which can make you a person to leave a mark on your own era. You also have talent in the arts and sciences which should not be neglected. You also have a keen insight into the motivations of others and are able to judge in advance how people are going to react to given situations. This would make you valuable in the field of psychology, politics, selling; in fact, in any career where contact with people is important.

You are interested in the unique, the original and the novel terms. You are never happier than when trying to unravel some problem which someone else has failed to solve. Although you like to think that you are highly practical and scientific in your approach, you probably act on intuition as much as on anything else. For you, the trial-and-error method is effective. If something doesn't work out, then you try something new until it does. Original and inventive in your ideas, you may sometimes have difficulty in persuading others that your way is the right one.

You have courage of your convictions and will persevere, no matter how great the opposition. Actually, the larger the fight, the more you enjoy the battle. Nothing pleases you more than being able to put over the opposition to go over to your side of the argument. You would make an excellent trial or defence attorney.

Although you are not by nature a demonstrative person, you are steadfast in your devotion to the one you love. Your ties of kin are strong and members of your own family can do no wrong. You will defend those you love against any outside opposition.

Among those born on this date are: Walter Damrosch, conductor and composer; Franklin Delano Roosevelt, U.S. President; Gelett Burgess, humorist, novelist and illustrator; Joseph Jastrow, psychologist; Walter Savage Landor, poet.

To find what the stars have in store for you tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 31

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—Your best and most effective day of the week to get something important finished.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20)—If planning a quick week-end visit at a distance, the best advice is to fly both ways.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 20)—Plan a pleasant social evening with friends. You have earned some relaxing recreation.

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 21)—Pay a visit this evening to someone you may not have seen for some time.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)—Home duties may be somewhat demanding, but with everyone at home, there is plenty to be done.

CANCER (June 22-July 23)—A good day for shopping. Watch the advertisements for some excellent buys these days.

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)—In handling tools on a do-it-yourself project, be careful! Haste can cause a careless accident.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)—If things have been rough this past week, let down tensions. Accept a social invitation.

LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)—Exert caution when handling iron or steel. Don't rush a job, but take plenty of time.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)—Postpone any plans for making an important change until next month. Not the day for it.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)—Stay clear of those you know to be untrustworthy. No use putting yourself on the target line.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—Your best day of the week, so get an early start and finish an important job.

JACOBY on BRIDGE

WEST lost no time opening his singleton spade against the doubled three-heart contract. East took his ace and returned his singleton diamond to West.

West took his ace and three diamond ruffs and two spade ruffs followed. The defence still had to make a club trick so South was down 700.

South did not think much of North's two no-trump bid and told him so. South contended that North had a bare six points and the flattest possible distribution and should simply have let East play two spades. As South pointed out, two spades was only a part score.

North admitted his bid was bad. He said, "Our 60 part score intrigued me and I hoped that I could get away with two no-trump. But where did you dig up that three-diamond bid?"

Needless to say, South had no answer to that question. He did not like two no-trump, but his partner wasn't doubled there and if he were, South's three spades to the queen would be valuable help for whatever North held in that suit. No one knows what would have happened if South had passed two no-trump. We do know what happened when South ran out of two no-trump.

NORTH 23
♠ K 10 6
♥ 7 5 3
♦ 6 6 4
♣ Q J 8 4

WEST
♠ 2
♥ K 10
♦ A J 9 5 2
♣ K 6 5 3 2

EAST
♠ A J 9 7 5 4
♥ Q 8 2
♦ 7
♣ A 9 7

SOUTH (D)
♠ Q 8 3
♥ A J 9 6 4
♦ K Q 10 3
♣ 10

No one vulnerable.
North-South 60 on score.

South	West	North	East
1 ♥	Pass	1 N.T.	2 ♠
Pass	Pass	2 N.T.	Pass
3 ♦	Double	3 ♥	Double
Pass	Pass	Pass	

Opening lead—♠ 2

♥♠ CARD Service ♦♣

Q—The bidding has been:

South	West	North	East
1 ♣	1 ♥	1 ♠	Pass
2 ♠	Pass	2 N.T.	Pass
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You, South, holds
♠ K J 6 5 ♥ 2 ♦ A 7 6 ♣ K J 10 7 6
What do you do?

A—Bid four spades. You have very good spades and distribution.

TODAY'S QUESTION
The bidding has been:

South	West	North	East
1 ♣	1 ♥	1 ♠	Pass

You, South, hold:
♠ A 10 3 ♥ 8 2 ♦ K 6 5 ♣ A K J 9 4
What do you do?

Answer Tomorrow

She Means To Farm

PEOPLE I MEET by JOANNE BLAIR

EVEN though retirement is many years away, Mrs Aileen Dekker and her husband have already laid plans for the future. But retirement doesn't mean a small vine-covered cottage tucked away in the suburbs—it means farming on a fairly large and very scientific scale.

For that reason the Dekker household is now graced with an ever-growing collection of books on agriculture, farming magazines and just about every type of pamphlet devoted to the land.

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Exuding the usual refreshing enthusiasm with which she enters into everything, Mrs Dekker showed me the collected material and discussed her hopes.

"Some day we hope to have a farm in Scotland," she said, with the idea of raising both sheep and cattle. However, now that farming has become a science, my husband and I feel that we will have to have some sound knowledge before we begin."

Besides reading up on all available literature, tentative plans have been made for them to enroll at an Agricultural College in Aberdeen, Scotland, prior to launching out into country life.

The farming venture is bound to be one of Mrs Dekker's many successes if her past accomplishments are any criterion.

Born the daughter of an Indian Army Officer, Mrs Dekker was educated in the British Isles and later in France. A fairly cosmopolitan life enabled her to learn French, German and Dutch, all of which she still speaks today.

During the war she served with the A.T.S. and was attached to the Army Educational Department. This special branch, which was a new idea at the time, was set up in order to raise the general standard of education for army personnel and later included courses in vocational and cultural work as well as rehabilitation.

Mrs Dekker, who played an active part in this organisation, can tell both interesting and amusing stories of her experiences.

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"You'd be surprised at the amount of illiteracy we ran into," she says. "And an illiterate," she continued, "was known to do everything and anything to avoid detection. But once found out and placed in the army school, his or her attitude would change immediately from shame to unbelievable pride."

In 1947 Mrs Dekker came to Hongkong to join her husband, Mr Jan Dekker, whom she had married in 1944 while he was serving with the Free Dutch Forces. Then for two years she served with the Women's Corps of the Hongkong Defence Force.

Always keen on anything theatrical, she at one time attended a drama school run by Robert Speight where she studied acting and also took a course in broadcasting.

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Since her arrival in the Colony, Mrs Dekker has become a well known figure with Radio Hongkong where she announces and gives book and music reviews. In 1956 she was made Chairman of the Music Society of Hongkong and has been active in bringing many fine artists to the Colony as well as promoting local talent. At present she serves on a committee for a group.

Apart from running a home and attending to the needs of two delightful children aged 9 and 5½, Mrs Dekker manages to squeeze in a bit of time on the golf course. A member of the Fanling Golf Club, she has been playing for the past two years and regards it as her favourite sport.

"Mainly," she says with a grin, "because the golf course reminds me of the country—and the country is something that I adore!"

Mrs Jan Dekker

Evening Beauty

By GRACE THORNCLIFFE

VIVID HUES like bright, strong blues and deep reds are outstanding in evening satins. This one is in sapphire blue. While it is daytime length, it has plenty of evening-dress authority. The bodice, with its square neckline and narrow shoulder straps, is draped to a bow at one side. Skirt has asymmetric draping with an unpressed box-pleat arrangement under the bow.

HOUSEHOLD HINTS

Round cookies are quickly made by rolling the mixture into little balls and then stamping them with the bottom of a glass tumbler.

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To give new life to sheer silk scarves, dip them in very light starch and iron while damp.

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Stir chocolate bits into warm vanilla pudding so that they melt in streaks. Serve in sherbert dishes.

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A mixture of alum and plaster-of-Paris makes an excellent cement, and may also be used as a "filling" for stone, concrete or wood floors, or for mending the broken plaster of walls.

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For indelible pencil stains on non-washable material try treating them with denatured alcohol or carbon tetrachloride.

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Lettuce can be prevented from wilting if you wrap it in damp paper.

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To keep the sag from children's sweater pockets, line them with a sturdy cotton cloth.

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Dress up chicken salad by adding cubes of avocado and halved ripe olives. Serve with whole spiced peaches as garnish.

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By using paper freely sprinkled with water, instead of the usual damp cloth, much toil is avoided in the pressing of clothes.

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Skimming soup stock will be easier if you add a small cup of cold water to the stock when it comes to the boil.

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Puff sleeves can be easily ironed by using a padded earthenware jam jar as a sleeve board.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

Baron Munch's Fishy Tale

—Knarf And Hanid Learn That More Than Birds Fly—

By MAX TRELL

SITTING in Baron Munch's pleasant, sunlit garden, Knarf and Hanid, the Shadows with the Turned About Names, were talking about how wonderful it would be if they could fly.

Baron Munch nodded.

"I mean," Hanid went on, "I wish I could fly as well as even the smallest sparrow."

"Yes," said Knarf, "there's a sparrow in our garden who can fly over trees with no trouble at all. I've seen him go shooting through the railings of a fence without touching either side."

A Single Wish

Knarf and Hanid both said that if they were given a single wish, they would both wish to be birds.

Then Baron Munch said, as he lit his pipe, "You don't have to be a bird to be able to fly. You can be a fish."

For a second both Knarf and Hanid were so astonished they couldn't say anything.

Then they both burst out, "Fish can't fly!"

"Ah, my good friends," said Baron Munch with a smile, "I can see that neither of you knows much about fish. Plenty of fish can fly. I've seen them. They're called flying fish."

Now this wasn't the first time that Knarf and Hanid had heard Baron Munch say something that they could hardly believe. But he kept repeating: "I've seen them, I tell you. I've seen them with my own eyes."

Do Tell!

Finally Knarf and Hanid begged Baron Munch to tell them about the extraordinary fish he said he had seen flying.

"Well," said Baron Munch, after taking several puffs on his pipe, "it happened quite a while ago. I was sailing in a boat in the Caribbean Sea—"

Knarf interrupted, "Where's the Caribbean Sea, Baron?"

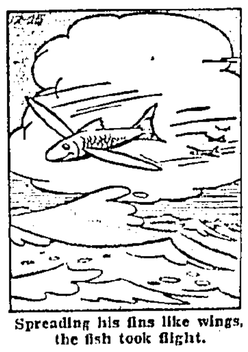
"It's between North America and South America," said Baron Munch. "It's a lovely sea. The water is warm and blue. It's full of fish of all shapes and kinds and colours."

"But what about those flying fish?" Knarf asked. "Tell us about them."

Fins Like Wings

"I'm about to come to them," said Baron Munch. "One afternoon I was leaning on the rail near the prow of the ship—that's the front part of it. I was lazily watching the blue water. All of a sudden, from the surface of the water, sprang a whole school of fish, like grasshoppers jumping out of the grass when you walk through a field in the summertime. Of course, I wasn't very surprised at that."

"You weren't, Baron Munch?" Hanid asked.



Spreading his fins like wings, the fish took flight.

"No. Everyone had seen fish leap out of the water. But what did surprise me was this: Instead of falling right back again, they went sailing along in the air just over the top of the water. I watched one of them. He had his fins spread out like wings. He didn't flap them like a bird. He just held them out as he sailed. Every now and then he started falling into the water. But then he gave his tail a strong flip and away he went again."

"What happened to him?" Knarf asked.

"He finally dropped back into the water with a splash," said Baron Munch, "and I saw no more of him. But you see, fish can fly."

The shadows were silent for a moment or two. Then Knarf said:

"I guess fish can fly all right, but why should they want to fly? Isn't swimming enough for them?"

Baron Munch chuckled. "You just said you'd like to fly. Isn't walking enough for you? The real reason the flying fish fly is to save themselves from bigger fish who want to eat them. And this is a true story."

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith

"But, Nora, that dress—let's reason this out!"

Rupert and the Secret Boat—19

The Professor is amused at the next turn of events. "There is just room for the pair of you on either side of the centre shaft," he says. "You may get in while I return to my controls." So Rupert and Gregory step on board and sit down carefully. "I hope we're not too heavy for it," says Gregory nervously. "No, not you," the dwarf servant grins. "In any case, my master has made a perfect boat. It can't sink, so you needn't worry." He pushes it away from the rock and soon they are gliding over the sea.

AUSTRALIA OFF TO GOOD START

58 For None At Lunch In Crucial Fourth Test Match

Adelaide, Jan. 30.

Australia, sent in to bat after Peter May had won the toss for England, went off to a good start with 58 without loss at lunch on the first day of the fourth Test match here today.

This is Australia's best opening partnership of the present series, beating the 55 put up by the same two batsmen —Colin McDonald and Jim Burke—at Brisbane.

The crucial fourth Test, which England must win to retain the Ashes—having lost two and drawn one—opened with what commentators described as two surprises: May sending Australia in after winning the toss for the fourth straight time and the omission of Jim Laker from the England team.

Later, it was explained that the decision to omit Laker was partly due to the fact that his spinning finger had not yet fully recovered from an injury.

May's Gamble

May's gamble had not paid off by lunch as his bowlers had not achieved a break-through during the morning.

At the adjournment McDonald was 31 not out including two fours and Burke 23 not out.

The four England bowlers tried this morning were all splendid and came near to success several times, particularly Statham's first ball of the match, which just skimmed McDonald's offstump after beating the batsman all ends up.

At lunch Statham had yielded 10 runs in four overs, Trueman 20 in five overs, including one maiden, Tyson 11 in four overs and Bailey five in three overs.

No Help

When play began before some 24,000 spectators, the pitch was dampish but slowed down and gave no help to the bowlers as it dried under the hot sunshine.

Both England and Australia included three pacemen in their teams, with England dropping Laker from the 12 originally named and Australia playing Keith Slater as 12th man.

The Teams

The teams are:

Australia: Richie Benaud (Captain), Neil Harvey, Colin McDonald, Jim Burke, Gordon Borke, Alan Davidson, Wally Grout, Norman O'Neill, Ken Mackay, Ray Lindwall, and Les Favell.

England: Peter May (Captain), Colin Cowdrey, Godfrey Evans, Brian Statham, Peter Richardson, Trevor Bailey, Tony Lock, Freddie Trueman, Willie Watson, Frank Tyson, and Tom Graveney.

On a pitch described as "perfect" McDonald and Burke scored 11—including three leg byes—in streaky strokes in the first two overs—two off Statham and six off Trueman.

Swinging

Both pacemen were swinging, and Statham had Burke well beaten with his very first ball, which narrowly missed the off stump.

Australia's 20 went up in as many minutes as Burke edged Trueman away for two.

The first four of the match came in the 25th minut when McDonald, in one of the few authentic strokes he had made, sent Statham to the tapes past Richardson.

Maintaining the fast scoring rate Australia were 31 after 30 minutes as the batsmen continued attacking the bowling.

England's first maiden came after 45 minutes when Trueman, more accurate than earlier, held Burke scoreless in his fourth over.

But Tyson, coming on in place of Statham, gave a four with his first ball, an overpitched delivery, which McDonald sent to the boundary.

Not Getting Pace

After the first hour's play Australia had scored 48 without loss, off 10 overs, and the wicket had turned easy.

After taking a single off Bailey's first over McDonald sent Tyson away for a single to send up Australia's 50 in 68 minutes.

Tyson was able to make a rise occasionally waist-high but, like other bowlers, was not getting any pace off the pitch.

In his fourth over Tyson beat Burke with a shortish one but an appeal for a catch behind was disallowed, and before the end of the over he rapped the batsman twice on the pads.

At lunch Australia were 58 without loss.

Mr What Allotted Top Weight In The Grand National

London, Jan. 29.

Mr What, winner of the 1958 Grand National, has been allotted 11st 9 lb for this year's race at Aintree on March 21.

This is 23 lb more than he was given last year, but only 17 lb more than he actually carried, as jockey Arthur Freeman had to put up 6 lb overweight.

Only five other entries have been allotted 11 st or over. Top weight of 12 st has been given to Kerstin, the Northumberland-trained mare, whose objective is more likely to be the Cheltenham Gold Cup, the race she won last year.

Third in the weights is Done Up at 11 st 3 lb, an impost he is well up to carrying judging by his impressive win at Hurst Park, Middlesex, last time out.

Scottish - trained Wyndburgh, fourth last year and runner-up in 1957, appears to have been given a reasonable chance again with 10 st 12 lb — 5 lb less than 12 months ago.

The first acceptance will be on February 3 with the second and final acceptance on March 10.

THE LINCOLNSHIRE

As was generally expected, the six-year-old Falls of Shin tops the Lincolnshire Handicap weights, which were also announced today.

Falls of Shin, runner-up in the Cambridgeshire last season, is set to carry 9st 7lb in the Lincolnshire, the first major handicap of the flat racing season, to be run over a mile at Lincoln on March 18.

Next on the list are Pimpered King (9st 3lb) and Court Feathers (9st), both owned by Major L.B. Holliday. Amos, who was tenth in the Cambridgeshire, is also on the 9st mark.

Acceptances are on the same dates as those for the National. — China Mail Special.

Doghouse Club Membership To Peter May?

London, Jan. 29.

Peter May, England's cricket captain, will be made an honorary member of the "International Doghouse Club" if he loses the current Test series against Australia.

The club, which has a special tie, was formed in London last night by two businessmen, Dick Brennan and Terry Schofield.

Mr Brennan said: "It is a club for men who for one reason or another find themselves in this unfortunate circumstance."

The tie costs 15s 6d, of which, one shilling goes to the National Canine Defence League.—China Mail Special.

Indonesia To Have New Stadium

Djakarta, Jan. 29.

Antara News Agency said today Indonesia would get Russian technical and financial aid to build a stadium for the 1962 Asian Games, which are to be held in Djakarta.—China Mail Special.

SPORTS PERSONALITIES

by TONY MYATT

STEPHEN XAVIER

His One Ambition Is To Coach The Young Athletes

The scene was the Asian Games in Manila, 1955. The runners lined up at the start of the 100 metres dash. The starter took his position.... "On your marks....get set....". and then one over-anxious youngster jumped the gun. They lined up again and once more he took off before the gun. He was disqualified.

To this young man, who had travelled hundreds of miles to participate in the event, it was the greatest disappointment of his athletic career. All those long hours of training had gone to waste and the fact that he considered his chances in the race as being "pretty good," made it even worse.

But it certainly wasn't the end....not by a long shot However, to Stephen Ronald Xavier, the diminutive Colony 'Flyer,' it was a disheartening experience never to be forgotten.

Looking Back

Looking back on the event, one cannot help but sympathise with Stephen.

It was the first time he had ever been to the Asian Games ....he was only 20 years old and nervous. He was also dead keen on winning the event and he might have won it, had he not been quite so anxious to get away.

But, it wasn't all sackcloth and ashes. For during the same meet, he attained what he considers, his greatest athletic accomplishment.

Running in the 200 metres, against much bigger competitors (Stephen is only five feet, three inches tall), he flashed across the finishing line to take third place and a bronze medal.

Let's reel back a few years now, to when he first started churning up the cinders.

When he was a student at La Salle College, Stephen was never really keen on track and field events. He did, however, play a lot of other sports, including soccer.

It was during a soccer game, that he was noticed by the sports master who later included him in the school athletic team.

Stephen trained hard....one and a half hours daily and his times improved with every outing.

Specialty

The 100 and 200 metres events became his specialty and ever since he started running in the Colony Championships he has yet to be beaten in these two distances. His 10.8 seconds in the 100 metres and 21.7 seconds in the 200 metres, still stand as Colony records.

In inter-school athletics, he was Senior champion on three occasions. Despite his height, he even won the long jump on one occasion with a leap of over 21 feet.

Besides the Manila Asian Games, he has also been to the Asian Games in Tokyo and to the Empire Games in Vancouver in 1954. At the latter meet, he was the Colony's lone athletic entry, but he didn't mind for it gave him a chance to train and make friends with many famous athletes from Australia, including Hector Hogan.

Leaving

On the 16th of next month, Stephen leaves the Colony for Australia to join his father and two sisters. When he gets there he hopes (providing he finds the time), to join an athletic association and go into hard training.

His one ambition in life, however, is to coach young athletes. He has the experience to do it.

Bon Voyage and all best, Stephen.

CHESS

by LEONARD DARDEN

Here is an illustration (Mazel v. Botvinnik) of how a world champion deals with a premature attack. 1 P—QB4, Kt—KB3; 2 Kt—QB3, P—K3; 3P—K4, P—B4; 4 P—B4, Kt—B3; 5 Kt—B3, P—Q4; 6 P—K5, Kt—KKt5; 7 P×P, P×P; 8 Q—Kt3, Kt—Kt5!; 9 P—QR3, P—B5; 10 Q—R4 ch, B—Q2; 11 Q—Q1, Q—Kt3!: Resigns. The threat is Q—B7 mate, and if 12 Q—K2, Kt—Q6 ch; 13 K—Q1, Q—Kt6 mate.

Solution No. 5555: 1 Q—RB4 (threat 2 R—Q5), K×R; 2 Q×B, or 1 ... R×R; 2R—Q2, or 1 ... Kt×R; 2 B—B6

London Express Service.

Moore To Fly To London For Fight Talks

London, Jan. 29.

Archie Moore, world light-heavyweight boxing champion, is flying to London next week to discuss a fight with Henry Cooper, British and British Empire heavyweight champion.

Moore recently said he would personally guarantee Cooper £50,000 sterling for a fight in Britain. He believes that victory over Cooper would put him in line for another attempt at the world heavyweight championship, held by Floyd Patterson.

In previous attempts at the heavyweight championship, Moore was beaten by Rocky Marciano and Patterson.

If a contest is arranged, it is expected that it will take place at London's Wembley Stadium on June 2.—Reuter.

Sports Diary

TODAY

Boxing

Land Forces Inter-Unit Team Semi-final, Sek Kong.

TO-MORROW

Golf

£1,000 South China Morning Post Tournament, Fanling, 8.35 a.m.

Racing

Second Day of Seventh Race Meeting, Happy Valley, 2 p.m.

Cricket

1st Division: Navy-Dockyard v Optimists, IRC v C &C, KCC v Army "South", Police v RAF, Army "North" v Recreio.

2nd Division: Centaurs v Navy-Dockyard, DHS v IRC, Army "South" v KCC, RAF Police, Recreio v Army "North", Phoenix Ashes v KGV.

Second Day of Fourth Test at Adelaide.

Soccer

1st Division: CAA v Tung Wah (CH), Kitchee v Caroline Hill (Club), both matches at 3.30 p.m.

Reserve Division: CAA v Tung Wah (CH), Kitchee v Caroline Hill (Club) both matches at 2 p.m.

Second Division: AFS v REME (Navy) 2.30 p.m.; Navy v Happy Valley (Navy) 4 p.m.; Taikoo v Gymnastic (HV) 4 p.m.; Prisons v Tramways (Stanley) 3.30 p.m.

3rd Division: Bodwell v Koon Wun 2.30 p.m.; Restitution v HK Gas 2.30 p.m.; Hon Ying v RIL 2.30 p.m.; C & W v University 4 p.m.; B & B v RE (HK) 4 p.m. all matches at Happy Valley.

Hockey

Ladies' League: Recreio "B" v Victorians (KP) 2.30 p.m.; KGV v KCC (KP) 4 p.m.

HK Hockey Association Interport Trial, Sookunpoo.

FOUR D. JONES . . . by MADDOCKS

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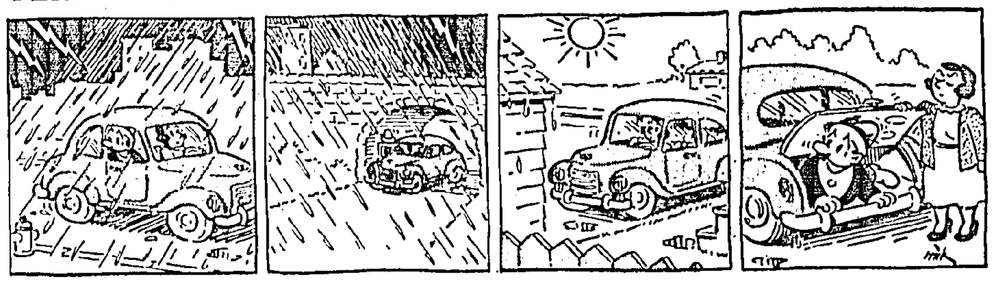

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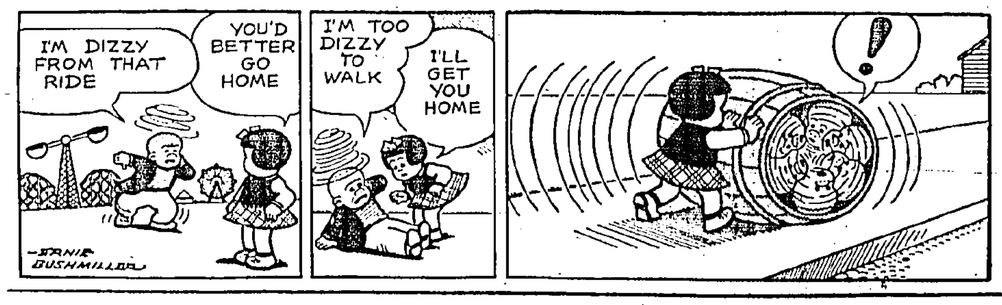

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CELEBRITY PAGE

GIRL WHO MARRIED A MILLIONAIRE GOES HOME TO MOTHER

SANDRA REDMAN, 20-year-old Kensington secretary who gave up the love of a prince to marry a Dutch millionaire, is back in her mother's Kensington basement flat—without her husband. Away from the riches and the palatial life of Amsterdam, where she lived with her husband, 37-year-old chain-store magnate **Ise Plotske**, I found Sandra huddled over a coal fire talking with her mother, **Mrs Kitty Redman.**

Drawing nervously on a menthol cigarette and sipping lemonade Sandra told me: "I've been back in London for several months."

Sandra isn't working. She is staying with her mother, who is the caretaker of a block of flats.

Sandra was engaged to **Prince Osman of Johore** while he was studying in London nearly two years ago.

Then on a flying trip to Amsterdam she met Ise.

Back in London, five days later, she told her parents of her new romance and broke the news to Prince Osman.

Then a short time later she secretly returned to Amsterdam and married her millionaire.

The marriage lasted five months.

"Sandra visited us several times during these months," her father told me "I knew they had quarrelled and that it was hopeless—although her mother went to Amsterdam to try to patch it up."

Divorced

Mr Redman, who has been head waiter in many London restaurants, smiled ruefully: "And now they are divorced," he said.

Sandra gazed into the fire and twisted the diamond rings on her marriage finger.

"My plans for the future aren't settled yet," she said.

Ise Plotske was not available when I telephoned Amsterdam. He had left Holland.

Friends said: "The wedding was a failure from the start. Sandra couldn't even understand her husband's language, and he didn't speak English."

"But, blimey," added the boy from Bermondsey. "I never thought I'd get a chance like this. I'll have to learn to act as well as sing. That'll be something new.

"I feel a bit dodgy about that. But I expect I'll make out."

A spokesman for the play's management told me: "We thought it would be better if we could find a young singer for the part when we take the play on tour next month. Colin seemed the obvious choice."

Colin knocks Tommy's rock

"EXPRESSO BONGO," that down-to-earth musical that takes a pointed tilt at the **Tommy Steele** type of rock 'n' roll singer, has found itself a new star.

Tommy's brother, 17-year-old **Colin Hicks**, is preparing himself to step into the role of Bongo Herbert, hero of the coffee bars.

"I suppose you'd say I'm tailor-made for the part," admitted Colin modestly.

Tories pick a woman

A WOMAN has been chosen in preference to the Earl of Dalkeith as prospective Tory candidate for the Tory stronghold of East Renfrewshire.

This ends the controversy that began when the 30-year-old earl first put his name forward last month

Many Tories complained that this "plum" seat should not be handed to the earl, who has never fought a parliamentary election.

The woman chosen unanimously by a 74-strong constituency executive is 43-year-old Miss Betty Harvie Anderson, who has sought election three times—in 1950, 1951, and 1955.

'On merit'

Mr Murray Kemsley, the East Renfrewshire Association secretary, said after the executive meeting: "She was chosen on merit. She knows the constituency well."

The earl is not only the son and heir of the Duke of Buccleuch, one of Scotland's greatest landowners, but also the husband of lovely Jane McNeill. The Queen, Prince Philip, and Princess Margaret were guests at their 1953 wedding.

The present East Renfrewshire M.P. is 68-year-old Major Sir Guy Lloyd, who is retiring. In 1955 he had a majority of 16,588 votes over a Socialist.

William Hickey

After the 'dig' a new romance for the professor

A ROMANCE of archaeology that blossomed in the heady air of the British Museum lies behind the announcement of the engagement of **Professor Christopher Hawkes**, whose former wife **Jacquetta Hawkes** is now the wife of **J. B. Priestley.**

The 52-year-old professor, who holds the chair of European Archaeology at Oxford, is to marry 25-year-old **Sonia Chadwick.** She, like Jacquetta Hawkes, is an archaeologist and is curator of the Scunthorpe museum. They plan to marry quietly in the spring.

The professor, who cited J. B. Priestley in a divorce action in 1953, said: "I went round to see my former wife about 10 days ago to say I intended to marry again.

"She was delighted—we are still great friends, you know. After all, it is now six years since we separated.

"The difference in our ages doesn't matter a bit to either my fiancee or myself. We feel we're in the same age group."

Miss Chadwick agreed when I spoke to her. "I don't think the difference means a thing," she said. "I first met Christopher when I was conducting an archaeological 'dig' in Wiltshire and went to see him in London for advice.

"There was no idea of romance at first but we got on well together and now we are engaged. I am very thrilled."

They have not yet worked together on a "dig"—but, says Miss Chadwick, "we hope to in 1960 in Wiltshire on the site of an early Iron Age settlement, circa 400 B.C."

Mr. Stewart confesses

THAT quick-on-the-draw Western star, **James Stewart**, had a confession to make when he stepped off in London on his way to India and a tiger shoot.

In his celebrated drawl he told me: "Actually, my wife Gloria is the best shot in the family."

The tiger hunt is being organised for the Stewarts by the **Maharajah of Cooch Behar.**

"It was my wife's idea," he said. "Now I know why. Just before we left the States the F.B.I. invited us to try our hand at target practice. And Gloria shocked everybody with her shooting."

On the tiger hunt, Stewart will do most of his shooting with a camera. "I'll be my wife's official photographer," he said.

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THE PROTOTYPE was stylish, powder blue, but the hearts of Boac officials were hardened. "Too dear," they decided—so the airline girls are not to be re-equipped with the uniform with the Norman Hartnell touch.

Clash over child's surname

A REPORT a most unusual legal dispute in London's social world. **David Rutland**, 28-year-old grandson of the late Lord Ashfield, has consulted his solicitors because his former wife, now **Mrs Charles Parker**, changed the name of their four-year-old daughter **Davina Jane.** Davina is now known as Davina Jane Rutland Parker.

Mr Rutland, 6ft. 2in. and good looking, told me: "I am terribly upset that my daughter's name should have been changed. I am determined to take legal action to have it changed back."

Mr Rutland, a former Guards officer who now works as a Lloyd's under-writer, married Mrs Parker — then Shirley Holt, daughter of a wealthy stockbroker—at a big society occasion in July, 1953.

Davina was born 15 months later and christened in the Knightsbridge church where her parents were married. In July last year the marriage was dissolved and Mrs Rutland was given custody of her daughter. In November she married **Mr Charles Parker**, executive of a London coal business.

Perhaps a hyphen

Last night, from her mother's flat in Lowndes Square, where, Davina lives with her nanny, Mrs Parker told me: "Davina's name has now been changed to Rutland Parker, or Rutland-Parker. We have not yet decided whether or not there should be a hyphen.

"I had no idea David was upset about this or that he was contemplating legal action. I have not heard from him for some time."

Mr Rutland told me: "I love my daughter very much, and I am horrified that she should carry any name but my own. I have consulted my solicitor and I am told that it is possible legally for either parent to change their child's name.

'Reconsider'

"Through solicitors I have approached my former wife asking her to reconsider her whole action. If she will not consent, I intend to press to have Davina's former name restored.

"After all, she is old enough to know who her father is and I can see her whenever I wish.

A leading London lawyer said: "The case is a most unusual one. It would appear that two parties could continue to change a child's name indefinitely unless an agreement is reached."

RR Lady is told 'get off'!

HOW *could* the French do it? How could **M. Robert Buron, General de Gaulle's** Minister of Transport, bring himself to sign the edict which will deface every Rolls-Royce throughout France? For, by a new law, the famous "flying lady" on the bonnet of every Rolls-Royce registered in France must be taken off.

This is part of a public safety decree, which requires all radiator mascots, sharp ornaments, and protruding handles to be removed from cars in France.

1,000 cars

It will disappear from about 1,000 other Rolls-Royces registered in France, to the chagrin of their owners including **Sir Gladwyn Jebb**, British Ambassador in Paris.

The "flying lady" is the hallowed symbol of Rolls-Royce luxury.

A spokesman for the Rolls-Royce distributors in France expostulated over the telephone: "What a destruction of tradition! But the famous mascot will have to come off, that is certain."

The "flying lady" was designed by sculptor Charles Sykes, when he took his first ride in a Silver Ghost 47 years ago. He said: "I intend the figure to express 'the spirit of ecstasy.'"

In London, Rolls-Royce accepted the news with lofty calm. "We shall put on different radiator caps," said a spokesman. "We already have to do that on cars we send to Germany, Belgium, and Sweden."

The Germans and Swedes, yes. But until now I had always thought of the French as being sensitive to tradition.

I wonder if the whole thing is a reprisal for us allowing the Spaniards to call their champagne, champagne.

First a B.A. then a baby

OXFORD'S first housewife - undergraduate, 21-year-old **Mrs Vicki Glendinning** daughter of London banker **Mr Frederic Seebohm**, is expecting a baby in July.

Which is a little tricky. For Vicki, who married languages don **Oliver Glendinning** last year is due to take her finals at the end of the summer term.

"If all goes well, I'll get all the exams over before the baby," Vicki told me from her Oxford flat.

"But my college does not know anything about the baby yet. The whole thing is a little unusual and I have not told them. I'm afraid they are going to think it all rather stupid of me."

Vicki married Mr Glendinning, who teaches her Spanish, at St Paul's Cathedral during the long vacation last year. Her college, Somerville, waived the unwritten law against married women students to let her complete her studies.

Evelyn Waugh's son resigns

NINETEEN - YEAR - OLD **Lieutenant Auberon Alexander Waugh**, son of novelist **Evelyn Waugh**, has given up his commission in the Household Cavalry, it was announced in the London Gazette.

Lieutenant Waugh was severely wounded in Cyprus when a machine gun went off accidentally on patrol. He lost a lung and was seriously injured about the shoulders.

His mother was flown out to his bedside in Cyprus. For three weeks his life was in danger.

The announcement says that he relinquishes his commission on account of disability.

The importance of Annigoni . . .

ANNIGONI is a magic word in high society — even "pupil of Annigoni" is a desirable reference.

And 30-year-old ex-naval lieutenant **Raymond Skipp** would agree.

For he has been commissioned by American financier **Charles Sweeny**, former husband of the **Duchess of Argyll** and father of the **Duchess of Rutland**, to paint his wife—a beautiful, ex-New York model.

And, said the tall, dark, good-looking Skipp "I am the one to whom Annigoni told the secret of his technique. I have been influenced by his style."

What price was Mr Sweeny, who is rich, paying for his wife's portrait? "I am afraid," said Skipp, smiling, "that is one point I will not answer."

But I understand it is around the £1,000 mark.

Recovering

I AM pleased to report that **Earl Alexander of Tunis** is making a good recovery at King Edward VII Hospital, Windsor, after the thrombosis he suffered in Canada and the more recent relapse.

He hopes to be well enough soon to move into the 12-roomed house that **Lady Alexander** has taken at Oakley Green, three miles from Windsor.

Their new home, Willows Farm, has been let furnished by **Mrs Edith Sadleir**, widow of Michael Sadleir, the publisher, and author of "Fanny by Gaslight."

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Lord Kilmuir, the Lord Chancellor, told the story of the student who was asked by his tutor if he had read Einstein's Theory of Relativity. "Oh, no," replied the student. "I'm waiting for the film."

MAIL Notices

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India, Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain, Europe, 6 p.m.
Philippines, 6 p.m.
By Surface
Philippines, Rabaul, Br. Solomon Islands, 3 p.m.
Thailand, Laos, 3 p.m.
Macao, 6 p.m.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 31
By Air

China, People's Republic, 7 a.m.
Thailand, Malaya, Indonesia, Ceylon, 9 a.m.
Japan, 10 a.m.
Australia, New Zealand, Noon.
Philippines, 1 p.m.
Thailand, Laos, Burma, India, 6 p.m.
Pakistan, Aden, Africa, Egypt, Great Britain, Europe, 6 p.m.
Vietnam, Cambodia, 6 p.m.
Philippines, Dutch New Guinea, 6 p.m.
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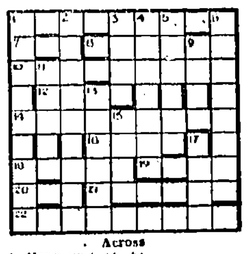

Across
1. Hang on! (4 5)
7. Trouble. (3)
8. Give. (6)
10. Small craft sailor. (9)
12. Manufactured. (4)
14. Recent gift to the Queen. (5, 4)
16. Forge. (4)
18. Make a noise like a frog. (5)
19. Metal circle. (4)
20. Relatives. (3)
21. Nothing more than ——. (6)
22. Surmise of guilt. (9)

Down
1. Grass is stored in these. (3-6)
2. Places. (9)
3. Carry. (4)
4. Tastelessness. (7)
5. Smoked ham. (6)
6. Leaning. (8)
9. High. (4)
11. Love in Paris. (5)
13. Take oneself off. (8)
15. Donkey. (4)
17. European capital. (4)

Yesterday's solution

London Express Service.

TARGET

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HOW many words of four letters or more can you make from the letters in the square on the left? In making each word, the letters in each of the small squares may be used once only. Each word must contain the large letter in the centre square, and there must be at least one nine-letter word in the list. No plurals; no foreign words; no proper names.

TODAY'S TARGET - 30 words, good; 35 words, very good; 40 words, excellent. Solution tomorrow.

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION: Bide bile bilge bilged biad bede begie begie beil belled beld bele belide DISOBLIGE gibe gibed gilb glebe gleba ibla ibide lobed oblige chilged.

THREE THOUGHTS FOR TODAY

I have made my bed in the darkness—Job 17:13.

But it is still God's world. Loneliness must not overwhelm us, for God is very powerful and very near. It is a good time to talk things over with Him.

Press-Radio Bible Service, Inc Cincinnati, Ohio.

BY THE WAY

by Beachcomber

THEY are going to move the *Halles*, the central market of Paris. Between the market and the Bourse du Commerce runs the Rue Vauvilliers.

In this street, in the winter of 1787, in a squalid room on the third floor of a cheap hotel, lived a poor, seedy-looking youth of eighteen. He was on leave from the La Fere regiment of artillery. One evening, lonely and bored, he went to the Palais Royal for distraction, and later wrote an account of what befell him there. His name was Napoleon Bonaparte.

Election fever

IF television is to win the next election, the intensive training of candidates is not enough. Their speeches must be interspersed with songs and dance-music and advertisements. "What Labour offers you is happiness and prosperity. . . ." *(Girl sails)* "Yeeeew are the loveliest bubble in my chananpagne. . . ." "By returning me you will be assuring . . ." *(compere)* "Ziggy Zaghorst's Hot Swingers will now give a rendition of 'Lonesome For The Moon' . . ." "We are the party of decision, action, stability . . ." "Begin the day with a glass of Poopsiboola . . ." "On foreign policy I take my stand with . . ." *(compere)* "And now here is a recording of Muffy Cogsden singing, 'Wanna Get That Gal' . . ."

Category F. 43/2d/19

THE Egg Marketing Board, I read, has successfully carried out tests to ascertain whether eggs with cracked shells should be classified as "second quality." Third quality probably includes eggs with holes in them, eggs with nothing inside the shell, and those astounding Rending eggs which are coal-black and burst at sight.

Top secret

SO closely guarded, day and night,
Is this mysterious rocket-site,
So jealously the secret's kept
That no one knows it's there—except
Those who repeatedly declare
That nobody suspects it's there.

Turn to Page Two for the first photograph ever published of the Indian rope-trick. Both climber and rope have disappeared.

London Express Service.

CHINA MAIL ENTERTAINMENT GUIDE

FILMS

KING'S & PRINCESS: "The Bridge on the River Kwai," William Holden, Alec Guinness, Jack Hawkins.

HOOVER & PARAMOUNT: "Two Nights with Cleopatra," Sophia Loren, Alberto Sordi.

STAR & METROPOLE: Michael Todd's "Around the World in Eighty Days," starring David Niven, Cantinflas and Robert Newton.

ROXY & BROADWAY: "Rally Round the Flag Boys," Paul Newman, Joanne Woodward, Joan Collins and Jack Carson.

LEE & ASTOR: "Horror of Dracula," starring Peter Cushing, and Christopher Lee.

MAJESTIC: "Mardi Gras," starring Pat Boone and Christine Carere.

ORIENTAL: "The Tunnel of Love," Doris Day, Richard Widmark.

RITZ: "Cry Terror," James Mason, Rod Steiger, Inger Stevens.

GRAND: "All Mine to Give," Glynis Johns, Cameron Mitchell.

CAPITOL: "Untamed Youth," Mamie Van Doren, Lori Nelson.

NIGHT SPOTS

CARLTON: Mario Francisco and his Combo.

PARAMOUNT: Nightclub closed tonight. Pianist Larry Allen in the cocktail lounge.

PRINCESS GARDEN: The Little Pussy Cat, Helen Mizuta; Dennis David and his puppets and Frankie Ferrer and Dancing Balancer.

RADIO HONGKONG

2 p.m., Test Cricket—Further Commentaries; 4.05, Music for Tea Time; 4.30, After The Ball—Excerpts from musical play by Noel Coward sung by stars of the London Production; 5, Boston "pops" Orchestra—cond. by Arthur Fiedler; 5.30, Stan Freberg Show; 6, Time Signal. Popularity Poll—presented by Nick Kendall; 6.30, Junior Fare—30 minutes for teen-agers, introduced by Diana Hooten; 6.50, Weather Report; 7, Time Signal. News; 7.10, Commentary; 7.15, "Man Trap"; 7.30, Music on the Upbeat; 8, So I'll Tell You—No. 1, "Second That Proposal," by Lawrie Wyman, with David Kossoff as Matthew Sommes; 8.30, Around the World in Music—Russia; 8.50, Information Desk; 9.00, Weather Report; 9, Time Signal. News & Home News from Britain; 9.15, BBC Concert Hall—London Symphony Orch. cond. by Walter Goehr; 10.10, Take it from Here, (repeat of last Tuesday's broadcast); 10.45, Negro Spirituals; 10.50, Weather Report; 11, Time Signal. Radio News Reel; 11.15, Goodnight Music; 11.30, Close Down.

REDIFFUSION

2 p.m., Variety calls the Tune; 3, Musical Matinee; 3.30, Cricket Test match; 4.05, Deadly Night Shade; 4.20, Tea for Two; 4.30, Musical A.B.C. Songs with titles beginning with "T"; 5, Children's Corner. . . "A Crust of Bread"; 5.30, Friday Requests, presented by Nick Kendall; 6, Show Time Serenade; 6.20, Band Call; 6.45, My Other Love; 7, Time Signal and News; 7.00, Weather Forecast, Announcements and Interlude; 7.15, Concert Miniature; 7.30, Track Talk; 7.45, Inspector West; 8, Harry James and Orch.; 8.10, Nick Kendall, Tops in popular music presented by Nick Kendall; 8.30, Lawrence Welk Show; 9, Major Gregory Keen; 9.10, Digit a day, Final night of this week's draw; 9.30, Cafe Continental, presented by Jeannette Pitz; 10, Spotlight. Interview with Miss Buzzie Stone; 10.15, Take it from here; 10.40, Dance Time U.S.A.; 11, Stop Press; 11.10, Date with Dreamland; 11.30, Prelude to Midnight; 12 Midnight Close Down.

TELEVISION

5 p.m., Children's Feature; 6.20, Handicrafts Corner. Introduced by Grace Tang; 6.30, Clem Kidd; 6, Close Down; 7.30, Crunch and Des; 8, Science Fiction: "Brain Unlimited." Arthur Trans; 8.30, Sports Box; 9, Newsreel; 9.15, Digit A Day; Final night of this week's draw; 9.30, Petti Pan Show; 9.50, Cantonese Feature: "The Practical Jokers." Sun Mee Sze-Tseung, Tseung Lan-ze; 11, Late Night Film.

HONGKONG STOCK EXCHANGE

by Our Own Correspondent

Business done on the Hongkong Stock Exchange this morning amounted to approximately $530,000. Noon quotations and the morning's transactions were:

Shares	Buyers	Sellers	Sales
BANKS			
HK Bank	793	803	6 @ 800
			100 @ 800
INSURANCES			
Union	72	73	260 @ 72.50
Lombard	26.20		
SHIPPING			
Waterboat	20		
Wheelock	5.50	5.55	4000 @ 5.55
			1000 @ 5.55
			500 @ 5.65
			1000 @ 5.65
DOCKS, ETC.			
K. Wharf	43		
Dock	45	45.50	300 @ 45.25
Provident			
(O)	11.50	12.20	
LAND, ETC.			
HK Hotel	23	23.20	
HK Land	31.25	32	24 @ 31.25
			200 @ 31.25
" Rts	7.16	3.00	16 @ 3.75
			1103 @ 3
			1000 @ 3.05
			16 @ 3.00
Humphreys	15.50		
Realty	1.475	1.525	
RUBBER			
Amalg.	1.075	2	1500 @ 1.05
			23040 @ 10.75
			10000 @ 10.75
A. Tawah	2.70		
Cingala	2.60	2.70	
UTILITIES			
Tram	27	27.50	700 @ 27.10
Star Ferry	107		
Yaumati	93	94	
C. Light			
(O)	16.40	16.50	8500 @ 16.40
Electric	23.00	20	350 @ 23.70
" (N)	21.40	21.60	200 @ 24.40
			200 @ 24.50
Macao E.	9.50		
Telephone	25.40		400 @ 25.60
" (N)	23.10	23.70	1500 @ 23.70
			100 @ 23.70
Cement	15		
STORES, ETC.			
Dairy	16.20	16.40	2850 @ 16.40
Wa' on	13.40	13.70	200 @ 13.50
COTTONS			
Textiles	3.05	3.05	
Nanyang	6.50	6.80	
MISCELLANEOUS			
Vibro	15.20		
INVESTMENTS			
Int. Invst.	5.20	5.30	165 @ 5.20

STOCKS IRREGULAR IN LONDON

London, Jan. 29.

Stock markets made a generally irregular showing today with optimism over a possible rise in the bank rate helping to some extent but being offset by yesterday's fall on Wall Street.

The highlight of the day was a big rise in certain Orange Free State gold shares with F. S. Geduld rising 13 shillings 1½ pence to 145/7½d following news of rich values at the mine which at 9.772-inch pennyweight are believed to be the highest values anywhere in the world.

Gilt-edged went ahead at first on talk of a possible change in the Bank Rate but quieter conditions followed the "no change" decision just before noon, although gains at the close extended to 7/6. Foreign bonds were quietly irregular while there was a general marking down of dollar stocks.

Oils reflected the Wall Street fall and were generally lower with Shell Trinidad a weak market.—U.P.I.

WEEKLY REPORT ON THE HONGKONG STOCK EXCHANGE

MARKET SHOWS STRENGTH

★ The Share Market At A Glance ★

	Dec. 29	Jan. 8	Jan. 15	Jan. 22	Jan. 29	Up or Down	Dividend & Bonus	Yield(%)
HK Bank	805	815	810	807½	802½	—$5	$48	5.9
Lombard	26.20b	26.20n	26.40n	26.40n	26½b	+10c	$2	7.55
Union	71	72b	72½	72½m	72½s	steady	$3.40	4.7
Wheelock	5.60	5.00m	5½	5.55	5.55	steady	75c	13.5
HK Wharf	94½n	90½b	90n	100s	96	—$4	$9	9.4
HK Docks	45	45¼	44¾	45n	45	steady	$8	17.9
Provident	12.10	12.20m	12.20s	11.90	12	+10c	$1.10	9.2
HK Hotels	21.70	22½	23.20	23.40	23.10	—30c	$2	8.7
HK Lands	30¼	30xr	30	30¼b	31¼	+$1	$2.40	7.7
HK Realty	1.45m	1.50	1.525	1.50	1.50	steady	15c	10
HK Trams	26½	27.20	27.20	27	27	steady	$1.90	7.05
Star Ferry	106	107	107	106b	107b	+$1	$9	8.4
Yaumatis	93	93	93	93½	93½	steady	$8	8.55
Ch Light	16.20	16.40	16.20	16.20	16½	+30c	$1.10	6.7
Electrics	24.90	25½	25.40	25.60	25.70	+10c	$1.90	7.4
HK Telephone	24.70	25½	25.50	25.30	25.70	+40c	$1.75	6.8
G. I. Cement	25.40b	25.60	25.40n	25	25.30b	+30c	$3	11.9
Dairy Farm	16.20	16.30	16.30	16½	16.30	—20c	$1.77½	10.8
A. S. Watson	13.20	13½	13.30m	13.40m	13.60	+20c	$1	7.35
Lane Crawford	14.25m	14.20	14.30n	14.30	14.20n	—10c	$1.50	10.5
Int'l Investment	5.20b	5.30	5.30	5.35	5.25m	—10c	65c	12.4
Allied	4.025n	4	4n	4n	4m	steady	25c	6.25
HK & FE Inv	9½b	9.70n	9.60	9.60	9.60n	steady	80c	8.35
Textile Corp	3.65	3.95b	4	4s	3.90	—10c	60c	15.4
Nanyang	6½	6.60	6.70b	6.70b	6.75b	+5c	80c	11.85

THE TALLY: Last week, 10 higher, 8 steady, 7 lower. This week, 10 higher, 8 steady, 7 lower.

Prices Harden As Shares Gain Ground

By A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

There was a slight show of strength on the Hongkong Stock Exchange yesterday for the first time this year—with the market stiffening as prices became firm.

The hardening of shares before the Chinese New Year is an indication of strength and a bull market should materialise with the approach of dividend news in March.

Although prices may not reflect gains on the the week, many shares closed above the week's lows.

Liquidation

As Chinese New Year approaches further liquidation of holdings by various concerns is expected, but it is believed that the market will be able to absorb this selling without losing ground especially with the attractive yields many shares are now showing.

Hongkong Banks continued to fall this week to $802.50 in sympathy with their London Registers, which dropped from £47½ to £45½. Unions on the other hand continued steady.

Wharves after a period of inactivity managed to attract buyers this week when they moved down from a seller's quote of $100 last week to $97.50 this week. Yesterday, stocks changed hands at $96.

Unloading

Hotels seemed to have risen as far as they will go for the present and yesterday shareholders were unloading some of their holdings as the price dropped from a post-war high of $23.40 last week to $23.10 yesterday. The reason for the share's spectacular climb last year and this year was that the completion of Peninsula Courts and shareholders' belief that the Company would be able to pay a higher dividend this year.

Hongkong Lands took a nice rise yesterday gaining $1 on the week to close at $31.25.

In the utility section, **Trams** managed to recover their losses during the week closing at an unchanged price of $27. Both **Lights** and **Electrics** made up their losses of last week, while **Phones** were also in good demand.

In the stores' section, **Dairy Farms** lost their 20-cent gain of last week falling back to $16.30.

Turnover for the week was up to $2.65 million compared with $2.63 million last week.

Market Diary

Here is a market diary of the week:

Friday:	No material change. T/O: $317,000.
Monday:	Ruled steady. T/O: $354,000.
Tuesday:	Price movements slight. T/O: $728,000
Wednesday:	Prices well maintained. T/O: $428,000.
Thursday:	Prices inclined to harden. T/O: $822,000.

Wall Street Recovers Some Of Its Wednesday Loss

New York, Jan. 29.

Stocks in the first hour of trading today furthered the recovery move in progress at the close yesterday after a last hour selling spree.

Most stocks gained at least fractionally and there were a number of specials with really wide gains—as much as seven points in International Business Machines which fell more than 17 yesterday.

Freeport Sulphur moved up 3½ points on a three-for-one stock split. Maytag run up over two points as stockholders met to consider a merger with the Hecht Co. Texas Instruments also added over three points and there were gains of a point to two in Zenith, Siegler, General Tyre, General Time, Goodyear and Union Carbide.

Steels

Youngstown Sheet rose a point, Lukens more than one in the steel group. Coppers continued in demand, reflecting the rise in metal prices. Magma and Kennecott improved over a point, Anaconda one, International Nickel a point.

Rails were mixed. Norfolk and Western and Southern Railway were down around a point.

First hour volume totalled 750,000 shares, compared with 710,000 shares yesterday.

The market closed with a total of 1,230 issues traded, out of which 599 were higher, 411 lower.

New York Stock Exchange volume was 3,470,000 shares.

New York Stock Exchange bond volume was $40,680,000.

American Stock Exchange volume was 2,080,000 shares.

Dow-Jones closing averages were:

30 industrials	590.40
20 rails	161.13
15 utilities	99.40
65 stocks	291.57
40 bonds	86.22
Comm. future price index	145.30

Closing Prices

Allied Chemicals	$ 99¼
Allied Mills Inc.	44
Allis Chalmers	29½
Am. Brake Shoe	49
American Cable & Radio Corp.	7⅞
American Cyanamid Co.	48¼
Am. Gas & Electric	50⅞
Am. Home Prod.	133½
Am. Mach. & Fdry.	36⅛
American Metal	29⅞
American Smelting	52⅞
Am. Sugar Ref.	33⅞
American Tel & Tel	230
American Tob. "B"	103
Anaconda Copper	60
Armour	27⅞
Baldwin-Lima-Ham.	14⅞
Baltimore & Ohio	43⅛
Beneficial Finance	26
Bendix Aviation Corp.	67⅞
Benguet Cons.	1⅞
Bethlehem Steel	52½
Boeing Airplane	43⅛
Borden (The) Co.	72
Burroughs Add Machine	30⅞
Calif. Packing Corp.	52½
Campbell Soup Co.	52½
Canadian Pacific R.	30⅞
Case (J. I.) Co.	23⅞
Cat. Tractor	87⅞
Celanese Corp	27½
C. I. T. Financial Corp.	47½
Chrysler Motors	52⅞
Cluett Peabody	47½
Colombian Carbon Co.	49⅞
Commercial Credit	56⅞
Consolidated Edison	65⅞
Continental Oil of Del.	64⅞
Cuban Amer. Sugar	31⅛
Diamond Gard	35
Douglas Aircraft	57¼
Dupont de Nemours	208
Eastman Kodak	142
El Paso National Gas	37⅛
Firestone Tyre & Rubber	135
First Nat. City Bank	75⅛
General Electric	76
General Foods	77½
General Motors	48½
Gen. Pub. Util.	49⅛
Gen. Tyre & Rubber	47⅛
Goodrich (B. F.) Co.	87⅞
Goodyear Tyre	124¼
Gulf Oil	124¼
Hammond Organ	44
Homestake Mining Co.	37
Idaho Power	40
Ingersoll-Rand	50¼
Interchemical Corp.	49¼
Int'l Business Machines	503½
Int'l Harvester	39⅞
International Nickel	62⅛
International Paper	110½
John-Manville Co.	52¾
Kaiser Industry	13⅞
Kennecott Copper	103½
Kimberly Clark	60¼
Liggett Meyers Tob. Co.	93¼
Lockheed Aircraft	62
Loews Incorp.	20½
Lone Star Cement Co.	34⅞
Lowenstein & Sons.	15¼
McDermott J. Ray	52½
McDonnell Aircraft (Am. Stock Exge.)	35¾
Mesabi Iron Corp.	32
Monsanto Chemical Co.	41
Montgomery Ward	41
Motorola Inc.	58½
National Biscuit Co.	53⅞
National Cash Reg. "A"	74⅞
National Dairy Prod.	47⅛
National Lead	112⅞
National Steel Corp.	78½
New York Central	27½
Norfolk & Western Ry.	85¼
North Amer. Aviation	42¼
Otis Elevators	64⅞
Owens-Illinois Glass	84⅛
Oxford Paper Co.	33⅛
Pacific Gas & Elec.	62
Pan American Airways	28⅛
Paramount Pictures	46½
Penny J.C. Co.	101
Philip Morris	63⅛
Procter & Gamble Co.	75¾
Publicker Industries	14
Pure Oil	44⅞
Radio Corporation	46⅞
Radio Corp. Pref.	71⅞
Republic Steel	73
Sears, Roebuck & Co.	43¾
Shell Oil Co.	65⅛
Sinclair Oil	69¼
Saint Reg. Paper	47¼
Scott Paper	74¾
Seaboard Oil	69⅞
Smith, Cline & French	103½
Socony Mobil Oil	50
South Puerto Rico Sugar	29⅞
Southern National Gas	44½
Southern Railway (Com.)	55¾
Standard Brands	65⅛
Standard Oil of Cal.	50¾
Standard Oil of Ind.	48
Standard Oil of N.J.	50⅛
Studebaker-Packard Corp.	14⅛
Sunshine Mining	8¼
Swift & Co.	37¼
Texas Co.	65¾
Textron Inc.	20⅛
Thiokol Chem.	33⅞
Tide Water Assn. Oil	24¾
Time Inc.	71¼
Tri-Cont. Warrants	29¼
Twentieth Century Fox Film	41⅛
Union Carbide	125
Union Oil of Cal.	40
Union Pacific Railway	26¼
United Aircraft	61
United Fruit	41⅛
United Gas Corp.	40
U.S. Gypsum	103
U.S. Line Co.	33⅞
U.S. Rubber	46⅞
U.S. Smelting	33⅞
U.S. Steel	64¼
U.S. Steel 7 P.C. P.F.	151xd
Warner Bros.	27½
Westinghouse Air Brake	32⅞
Westinghouse Electric	73⅞
Western Union Tel. Co.	34
West Vg. Pulp & Paper	40⅛
Winn-Dixie Stores	49¼
Woolworth (K. W.)	54½xd
Zenith Radio	160½

—U.P.I.

Chicago Grain Market

Chicago, Jan. 29.

Wheat No. 2, red	
Spot	190⅞
Mar. 197⅞(H) 197⅛(L)	197⅞
May	194¾-⅞
July	183
Sept.	184⅞
Dec.	189⅞
Corn, No. 2, yellow	
Spot	118¾-120¼
Mar. (old)	114⅛
Mar. (new)	114⅛-¼
May	115⅞
July	114
Sept.	115
Rye	
Mar.	134¾-135
May	131
Oats	
Mar.	66⅞
May	67¼-½
Soybeans, No. 2, yellow	
Spot	216¼
Mar.	220⅞-½
May	220¼
July	220⅞
Sept.	226¾
Barley,	
Spot	120-135

—U.P.I.

Exchange Rates

Business was done in the local unofficial exchange market this morning at the following rates:—

U.S. dollars (per $1)	5.74
Sterling notes (per £1)	15.93
Australian notes (per £1)	12.85
Indonesian rupiah (per 100)	0.10
Siam ticals (per 100)	28.80
Singapore (Straits)	1.82

"Thank you for your good wishes, Jennings, but I would remind you our year ends in April —"

London Express Service.

Mutual Fund Quotations

The following are quotations of Mutual Funds in the United States in American dollars. The buyers' quotations include commission:

Mutual Funds	Sellers	Buyers
Affiliated Fund	7.25	7.05
Am Bur Shrs	4.36	4.66
Atom Dev Mut	5.63	6.15
Axe Hought B	8.60	9.35
Bullock Fund	13.60	15.00
Canada Gen Fd	14.93	16.14
Canadian Fd	18.82	20.37
Canadian Int Grow.	8.63	9.43
Chemical Fd	20.15	21.79
Comwlth Stock	13.03	16.30
Dividend Sh	3.07	3.36
Dreyfus Fund	12.74	13.85
Eaton & H Stock	23.86	25.81
Electronics Inv	6.73	7.33
Found Mut Fd	10.12	11.00
Hamil Fd HC-7	5.01	5.47
Instit Bond	11.54	12.20
Instit Growth	11.26	12.32
Instit Income	7.01	7.67
Invest Tr Boston	11.58	12.60
Keystone Cust B-2	22.86	24.83
Keystone Canada	12.83	13.52
Mass Inv. Tr	13.56	14.60
Mass Growth	13.21	14.20
Nat Sec Ser: Growth	7.52	8.22
Scudder St & Cl	39.47	39.47
Telev El Fd	14.21	16.40
Value Line Fd	7.74	7.01
W. I. P.	11.26	12.32
Wellington Fd	14.04	15.30

KRUPP'S INDUSTRIAL ASSETS

London, Jan. 29.

The British Government today gave figures about the value of the assets sold or ceded by Herr Alfried Krupp, the West German industrialist, under Western agreements.

The Marquess of Lansdowne, Under-Secretary at the Foreign Office, in a parliamentary answer about the deconcentration of the assets, said the value of the assets sold or ceded by Herr Krupp under the plan was about £12 million.

The nominal capital value, including reserves of those remaining to be sold was in the region of £14 million.

These statistics had been received from the Bonn Government.

Lord Lansdowne said: "Although the High Authority of the European Coal and Steel Community has approved a proposal that the Hutten Und Bergwerke Rhein Hausen Company—one of the companies subject to the obligation to sell — should acquire a majority shareholding in the firm Bochumer Varein. This proposal has not been put into effect."—Reuter.

Yesterday's Closing COMMODITY PRICES

RUBBER

NEW YORK

Rex rubber futures today closed 25 to 31 points higher with sales of 33 contracts.

Closing prices:

Mar: 30.00; May: 30.05; July: 29.95; Sept: 29.95; Nov: 30.00; Jan: 30.00; Mar: 29.90.

SINGAPORE

The market opened sharply lower after disappointing overseas advices but steadied thereafter on good trade buying.

No. 1 rubber per lb. Feb.	85¼-85½
Mar.	85⅛-86⅛
No. 2 rubber per lb. Feb.	84⅛-84⅞
No. 3 rubber per lb. Feb.	83⅛-83⅞
No. 4 rubber per lb. Feb.	82½-83
Spot rubber unbaled	84⅛-85⅛
Blanket crepe	77-79
No. 1 pale crepe	86½-87½

LONDON

The rubber market was steady with spot quoted at 25 pence per lb. Prices:

No. 1 Rss spot	24¾-25⅛
Settlement house term:	
March	25-25⅛
April/June	25⅛-25⅜
July/Sept	25⅛-25⅜
Oct/Dec	25⅛-25⅜
Jan/Mar	25⅛-25⅜
General markets, cif basis, ports:	
Feb. Mar & Apr	24¾-25
Estate crepe thin Mar	24⅞
Estate crepe thick Mar	24⅞

AMSTERDAM

The rubber market was steady. Prices closed today in guilders per kilogram, cif Feb. as follows:

No. 1 rubber	2.42 nom.
No. 2 rubber	2.41 nom.
No. 3 rubber	2.36 nom.
No. 1 crepe	2.50 nom.

—U.P.I.

METALS

NEW YORK

Prices of metal futures closed today in cents per lb. as follows:

Lead	
Mar.	10.85b
May	11.03b
Zinc	
Mar.	10.50b
May	10.65b
Copper	
Mar.	29.65b
May	29.90b
Tin	
Mar.	99.75b
May	99.25b

LONDON

Prices of metals closed today in sterling per long ton as follows:

	Buyers	Sellers
Tin		
Spot	700½	707
3-month	700	707
Copper		
Spot	239½	239⅞
3-month	234⅞	334¾
Lead 2nd half		
Jan.	70½	70⅞
Apr.	73½	74
Zinc 2nd half		
Jan.	72¼	72½
Apr.	73	73½

—U.P.I.

COTTON

LIVERPOOL

Cotton future closings, in pence per lb. were as follows:

American Contract

Mar./April: 22.05; May/June: 22.40; July/Aug: 20.95; Oct./Nov: 20.05; Dec./Jan: 20.00.

Mixed Contract

Mar./April: 23.05; May/June: 22.30; July/Aug: 21.; Oct./Nov: 20.10; Dec./Jan: 19.95.

New York, New Orleans and Sao Paulo cotton prices were unavailable.—U.P.I.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE

NEW YORK

Closing rates were:

Canada: 1.03½; England: 2.80½; Others unchanged.

LONDON

Closing rates were:

New York	2.80 7/8-2.81
Montreal	2.71 15/16-2.72 1/16
Amsterdam	30.59-30.66 1/4
Copenhagen	19.36 3/4-19.37
Milan	1743 3/4-1745 3/4
Oslo	20.08 3/8-20.02 3/8
Paris	13.77 1/8-13.77 3/8
Stockholm	14.03 1/8-14.03 3/8
Zurich	12.10 7/8-12.11 1/8

Others unchanged.—U.P.I.

Agreed Merchant Rates

Canadian Dollars, Maximum Selling 10¾; Minimum Buying 17 T/T; 17-1/16 O/D.

CHINA MAIL
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Temperature Falls 24 Degrees In 16 Hours

In 16 hours to 7 o'clock this morning, the temperature fell 24 degrees when a cold wave passed over the Colony during the night.

Yesterday's maximum temperature of 80.4 degrees recorded at 3 p.m. yesterday afternoon, was the highest ever recorded at the Observatory since they began taking observations in 1884.

The previous highest was 79.3, in January, 1905.

But this morning the minimum temperature recorded was 56.3 degrees between 6 and 7 a.m.

The cold front forecast by the Observatory passed through the Colony at 9 p.m., and the temperature began to drop, and by morning, there was a difference of 10 degrees between yesterday's minimum temperature and today's.

This afternoon, a spokesman for the Royal Observatory said, the maximum temperature should be about 68 degrees, and the outlook for tomorrow is again cooler weather.

Street Thefts Suspects Held

Seven people, including a boy, are being held by the Police for enquiries into a number of street thefts on both sides of the harbour yesterday.

The boy was detained after a European had lost a sum of money in Pilkem Street, Kowloon.

A woman had her purse snatched from her at the Centre Street market while a fountain pen was stolen from a man walking in Hennessy Road, near its junction with Canal Road West.

Another case concerned the snatching of a $3 necklace from a baby being carried on his mother's back in Mongkok Road. A purse, containing money, was snatched from a woman in Fuk Wing Street, Shamshuipo.

Chairman Of Public Services Commission

Mr R. C. Lee, has been appointed by His Excellency the Governor to be Chairman of the Public Services Commission with effect from January 22, 1959 in place of Mr J. R. Jones, who has resigned the chairmanship following his appointment as a member of the forthcoming Salaries Commission.

Mr Jones has been connected with the Public Services Commission since 1951.

Mr Lee has been a member of the Commission since 1952 and has acted as chairman on previous occasions.

No Decision On Bell Visa Case

The Philippine Consul-General, Mr Eduardo Rosal, said this morning that no decision had been made regarding the issue of a visa to Time magazine representative James Bell.

Mr Bell was refused a visa into the Philippines by the Consul-General last week.

However, the Foreign Secretary, Mr Felixberto Serrano, has ordered the Consulate in Hongkong to restudy the case.

Mr Rosal said that "it is not likely that a decision will be made today."

Parcels Go Across The Border For Gaoled US Bishop

Among ten Red Cross parcels which were passed over the border this morning for five Americans detained in China were two for the Roman Catholic Bishop, James Walsh. Nothing has been heard of him since last October.

The parcels left the Peninsula Hotel in the care of Mr Jacob Hildebrand, American Red Cross field director who flew in from Manila yesterday. Mrs F. J. Smith, Branch Officer of the British Red Cross accompanied him.

An agreement on the parcels was reached in cable negotiations between General Alfred M. Gruenther, American Red Cross President in Washington and Madame Li Teh-chuan, President of the Red Cross Society in China.

The parcels contained a variety of concentrated food, cigarettes, matches, soap, powdered coffee, cube sugar, a plastic spoon and can openers.

Bishop Walsh is head of the Maryknoll Mission in Shanghai, but it is not known if he is still in the city.

Police Seek Pickpocket Victim

Police are trying to locate a young Chinese woman, about 19, who lost money when her pocket was picked at the tram stop in Hennessy Road, near the Eastern Fire Station, on Wednesday afternoon.

The woman, who has wavy hair and is about 5 feet 3 inches tall, was wearing a grey woollen jacket and a pair of Chinese-style fawn-coloured trousers at the time.

She boarded a tram bound for Shaukiwan without knowing that she had had her pocket picked. The offence was seen by an off-duty Police constable, who arrested the offender.

Eastern Police are inquiring.

Year's Gaol For Drug Offence

A 60-year-old widow, Chan Fung-kiu, living in a wooden hut on the rooftop of 121 Connaught Road, West, who pleaded guilty to possessing 7.8 ounces of heroin in 59 packages was sentenced to one year by Mr D. Cons at Central this morning.

Blind People Are Given Clothing

About 130 blind people were given used clothing and shoes by the Hongkong Society for the Blind at the Society's room in the War Memorial Centre, Southorn Playground, Wanchai, this morning.

Mrs Ruth Kirby, the Society's Hon. Secretary (seen above), and several members of the Blind Welfare Section of the Social Welfare Department were present to help in the distribution.

Silverware Recovered

Police have found a quantity of silverware and electro-plated nickel silverware, believed to be stolen property. Police at Central are trying to trace the owners.

Struck Off

The names of Holding and Real Estate Co., Ltd and The Consolidated Industrial Development Co., Ltd. have been struck off the company register as from January 30, according to the Government Gazette today.

The Gazette also stated that unless cause is shown within three months from the same date, the name of Sir Cyril Young and Son Ltd will be struck off the company register.

Resumed Duty

Today's Government Gazette notified that Mr K. T. Ridley resumed duty as Australian Government Trade Commissioner upon his return from leave and consequently Mr K. Le Rossignol ceased to act in this capacity.

Church Trustees

Miss Seto Heang and Mr Ho Wai have been appointed Trustees of the Church of Christ in China, Wanchai, according to today's Government Gazette.

Union Leader Coming Here

Mr David Macdonald, President of the United Steelworkers of America will be coming to the Colony for a short holiday on February 3.

He is at present in Singapore where he held talks with Mr Lim Yew Hock, Singapore's Chief Minister and Minister for Labour.

Mr Macdonald, a Labour Union executive from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, in 1950 was Secretary and Assistant to the vice-president of the United Mineworkers of America.

Following his stay in the Colony, Mr Macdonald will go to Japan.

Gaol, Cane For Young Snatcher

A 19-year-old foki, Lee Shing, living in a cooked food stall at Ha Heung Road, who snatched a handbag containing $175.90 and a fountain pen from a woman on Wednesday was sentenced to one year and six strokes of the cane by Mr D. Cons at Central this morning.

Education Board

The Rt Rev. R. O. Hall, Bishop of Hongkong, has been re-appointed a member of the Board of Education upon his return from leave for one year ending December 31, 1959, as notified in today's Government Gazette.

This Funny World

"Guess who?"

MAN ON WOUNDING COUNT DISCHARGED

Mr Justice C. W. Reece at the Criminal Sessions this morning discharged a prisoner, Mui Yau-kwong, 24, unemployed, who had been accused of participating in an attack on a woman.

This came when Mr G. R. Sneath, Crown Counsel, indicated that he was offering no further evidence against Mui after His Lordship had ruled that a statement Mui made to the Police was not admissible as evidence.

Mui had been charged together with a 30-year-old hawker, Lau Leung-shing, with wounding Koo Ling-ying with intent to cause grievous bodily harm.

Denial

The offence is said to have taken place in Koo's house in Kowloon City in August last year.

Another man, Chau Chai, had pleaded guilty on Wednesday to a charge of assault, occasioning actual bodily harm.

Lau, who had been identified by the complainant as one of three men who attacked her, testified on his own behalf today.

Lau denied this. He claimed he waited outside the house while Chau went inside and beat the woman with a torch.

Hearing is continuing.

Government Appointments Gazetted

The Government Gazette today announced the following appointments, transfers, promotions and postings:

Mr E. B. Teesdale, Cadet Officer, Staff Grade, to be Acting Colonial Secretary during the absence of Mr C. B. Burgess.

Mr D. C. C. Trench, Cadet Officer, Staff Grade, to be Deputy Colonial Secretary.

Mr F. E. L. Carter, Director of Audit, resumed duty and has also been appointed on Special Duty as Member of the Salaries Commission.

Mr A. Hooton, Solicitor General, ceased to act as Attorney General on resumption of duty by Mr A. Ridehalgh.

Mr M. Heenan, Senior Crown Counsel, ceased to act as Solicitor General.

Mr M. Morley-John, Crown Counsel, ceased to act as Senior Crown Counsel.

Dr James Lamble to be a Medical Officer.

Miss M. J. Buxey to be a Nursing Sister.

Mr N. M. Taylor, Executive Officer, Class I, to be Acting Senior Accountant and Secretary, Commerce and Industry Department.

Mr D. H. Knox, Deputy Chief Preventive Officer, resumed duty.

Mr C. L. Millington, Assistant Chief Preventive Officer, ceased to act as Deputy Chief Preventive Officer.

Mr F. G. Carrol, Senior Revenue Inspector, ceased to act as Assistant Chief Preventive Officer.

Mr Robert Kohan Cheng, Printing Officer, to be Superintendent, Printing Department.

Mr T. A. Birch, Programme Assistant, Class I, to be Acting Senior Programme Assistant, Broadcasting Department.

Mr P. T. Moor, Assistant Superintendent of Police, to be Superintendent.

Mr Tse Chan-yau to be Senior Inspector of Schools and **Mr Cheung Shiu-tong** to be Inspector of Schools.

The confirmation of the following officers to the permanent and pensionable establishment has been approved, as notified in today's Government Gazette: **Mr H. D. Miller**, Cadet Officer, Class II; **Mr J. H. Knapp**, Mining Engineer; **Miss M. C. Hattie**, Nursing Sister; **Drs Rudy Khoo Kian-kang, Yeung Ying-yeung** and **Mak Lim**, Radiologists.

Mr G. R. Sneath ceased to be a Director for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of the Widows' and Orphans' Pension Ordinance as from January 11 on the return of **Mr H. A. de B. Botelho**, as notified in today's Government Gazette.

Thorneycroft Visits Resettlement Areas

The Rt Hon. Peter Thorneycroft, MP, visited the Wong Tai Sin Resettlement Estate, Shek Kip Mei Resettlement Area, and the Cheung Sha Wan Resettlement Factory, at Tonkin Street, this morning.

He was accompanied throughout the tour by Mr J. P. Aserappa, Commissioner for Resettlement, and Mr Ching Chuen-man, Inspector of the Resettlement Area.

Mr Thorneycroft was met at the Wong Tai Sin Resettlement Estate by Mr Yung Cho-yim, supervisor of the Estate.

Mr Thorneycroft inquired about living conditions and on the estate.

Mr Chan Ping-shing, Assistant Resettlement Officer, met Mr Thorneycroft at the Shek Kip Mei area toured "R" Block, and visited the Boys' and Girls' Club.

He then went to Cheung Sha Wan Resettlement factory, where he was met by Mr Cheng Kwong-choi, Supervisor.

Mr Thorneycroft visited the Wah Loong Glove Factory, Victory Plastic Factory, Yick Hing Rubber Factory and the Lok Sung Weaving Factory.

Later Mr Thorneycroft was the guest of honour at a luncheon party given by the Hon. M. W. Turner and other Unofficial members of the Executive and Legislative Councils.

Mr Thorneycroft will leave Hongkong for Tokyo today.

From the Files 25 years AGO

THERE is a short private pathway off Robinson Road leading to Elliot Crescent, writes "Colonial" in "Old Hongkong." This is almost the sole commemoration today of the first Administrator of the Colony, Captain Charles Elliot. Glenealy has replaced the name of Elliot's Vale, and Elliot Battery was done away with some years ago on the realignment of Pokfulam Road.

We find a recollection of the old firm of Russell and Company, merged in Shewan, Tomes and Co of today, in Kee Cheong Street, a private lane running parallel to Forbes Street (close to Belchers Street, at West Point.) Kee Cheong is the Chinese name for the old firm, and Forbes was one of the partners.

A name destined to pass out of local commemoration is Reinaeker Street, now known as Mui Fong Street. It was named perhaps after an old resident, who for a time held the post of Chief Clerk to the Treasurer and was later (about 1867) acting Treasurer, but departed from the Colony somewhat hurriedly under a cloud.

Catchick Street was formerly Chater Street. When Chater Road was named on the new Central Praya, confusion was avoided by taking Sir Paul Chater's other name for the Kennedy Town lane.

Wing Lok Street was many years ago Bowring's Praya. When the Western Praya came to be built, the place became an inland thoroughfare, and the name was changed—no doubt in order also to prevent confusion with Bowrington at Happy Valley. The name recalls a former Governor of the Colony.

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A most enjoyable Australia Day Concert, organised by Madame Lottie Gordon was held at the Helena May on Saturday evening.

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